

## **“COOPA CABANA”**

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### ***“Cochins on a Quarter-Acre in the City”***



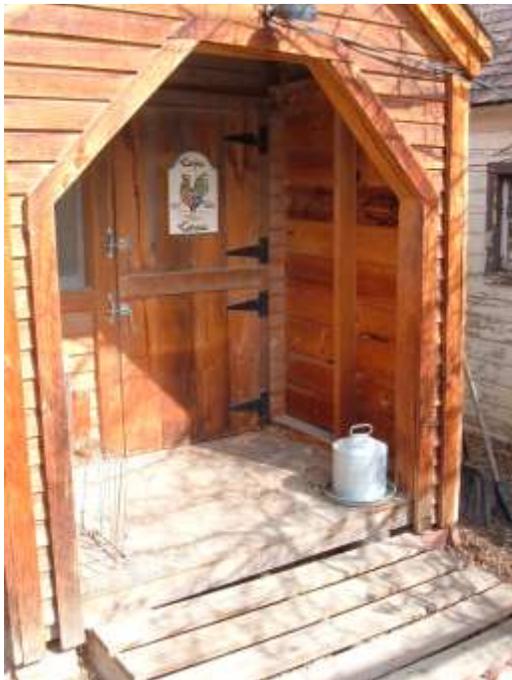
The structures you see are, left to right, the back & deck of my house, the coop and pen, the breeder shed (in the background with the wreath on the door), and the “Cabana”. The property is the original homestead of the subdivision, and dates back to about 1885. The original frame house burned down, and my existing brick house was built in 1902. The original homesteader was, among many things, a cheese maker, and my breeder shed is where he made his cheese!



The main coop is actually a kit that I designed myself and had built by The Jamaica Cottage Shop in Vermont. Yes, it was actually shipped out to Colorado from Vermont in pieces! It is fully insulated, wired for electricity, has a skylight (clear panel in the roof), windows all around (two are screened and open), there is a vent near the roof, a covered porch, and Dutch doors. Water is close by at the tap on the side of the house. The interior is 6' x 6'. The outside pen gives them plenty of room to run around. My favorite features? The covered porch and the Dutch doors!



The roost inside is an old wooden ladder.



Close-up of the covered porch and Dutch doors. Out of sight to the left of the door is food storage in a big galvanized can. My breeder cages in the shed are rabbit hutches I found on CL - 2 - 2" for pairs, and 2-3' for trios.



This is my brooder - built from a bath vanity found on CL. We punched out the door inserts and replaced them with Plexiglas, and added the hinged top covered with hardware cloth. We put it up on legs and added wheels - makes viewing and cleaning so much easier. It is 2' x 4', a great size if you are hatching in small quantities like I do.

I incubate and hatch using 2 - Genesis 1588 - one with a turner for incubating, and one without a turner for hatching.

I hope you enjoyed your tour of Coopa Cabana. Thanx for stopping by!