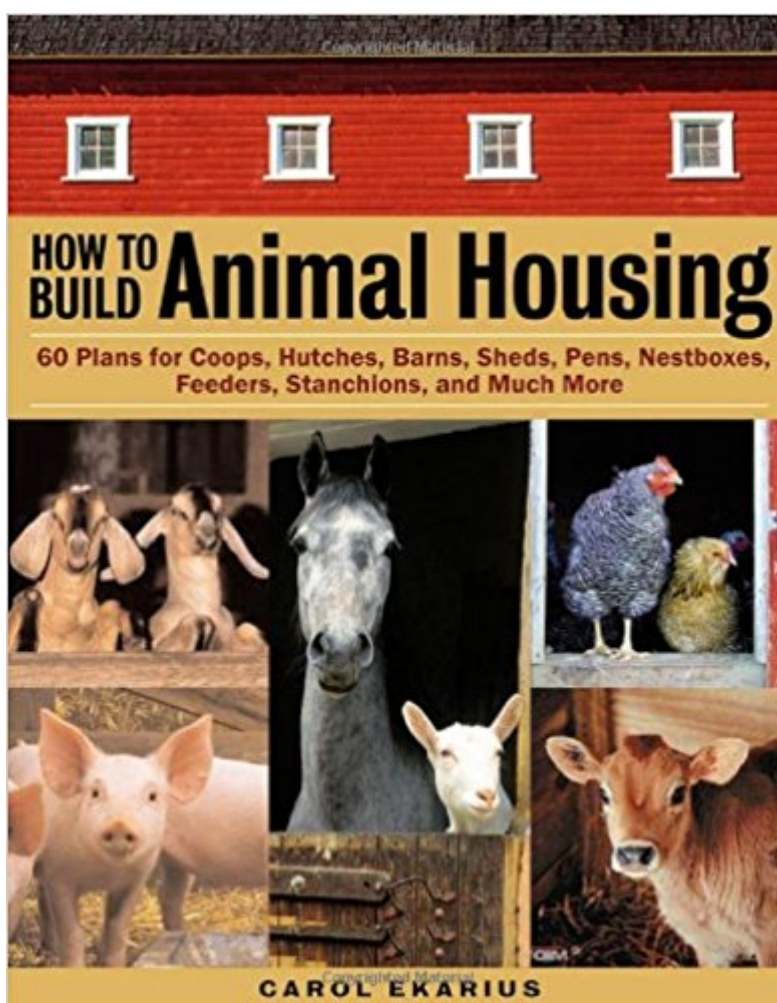


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# How To Build Animal Housing: 60 Plans For Coops, Hutches, Barns, Sheds, Pens, Nestboxes, Feeders, Stanchions, And Much More



## Synopsis

With dozens of adaptable plans for sheds, coops, hutches, multipurpose barns, windbreaks, and shade structures, this guide covers everything you need to know to build safe and sturdy housing for your animals. Stressing the importance of evaluating your goals, planning ahead, and budgeting accordingly, Carol Ekarius helps you determine the best structure for your particular situation and offers expert advice on tools and construction techniques. Build a functional and comfortable house for your animals that they'll be proud to call home.

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"Carol Ekarius, a farmer herself, has compiled some excellent plans for coops, hutches, barns, sheds, pens, nest boxes, feeders, stanchions, and much more. This book is extremely well illustrated with line drawings and construction call outs for all projects." —*American Small Farm* (2007)

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Carol Ekarius is the co-author of *The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook*, *The Field Guide to Fleece*, and *Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep*, and she is the author of several books, including *Small-Scale Livestock Farming*, *Storey's Illustrated Guide to Poultry Breeds*, and *Storey's Illustrated Breed Guide to Sheep, Goats, Cattle, and Pigs*. She lives in the mountains of Colorado, where her four-legged and winged family keeps her busy.

I thought maybe I had found the book that would show me how to build a chicken coop and would show a few different types. If I wanted to be a carpenter I would have tried to be one. Not enough examples of any of the categories listed on the cover. There may be 60 plans - I didn't count them - but none were of any interest to me. If one wishes to build big stuff. I guess they can get a tip or two but I found that I wasted my money on this one. Ron S

I found this book very disappointing. I had hoped for actual building plans. Instead there are some general dimensions for the different projects, but no detailed plans or materials lists. I did get some ideas for the different buildings I need to build, but in all, I wouldn't recommend this book unless you are an expert builder that doesn't need actual plans or are only looking for ideas that an expert builder can build for you.

This book flips back and forth from beginner to the expert. A book of black and white drawing without list of materials to order. Many of the pictures are precise while other are left to your imagination of what the author intends. The best picture is the cover. Whole chapters are spent on the very basics of carpentry best left for a basic carpentry book. An example is the pages that are devoted to "drying native wood" and where in the tree your board plank came from. This may be useful for those without any carpentry abilities or knowledge. Meanwhile many of the "plans" for many of the pictures are left unexplained. I feel there are much better books for you to spend on trying to build Animal Housing. One would best look to animal specific books, i.e chicken books, horse book etc.

I was looking for a book on how to build satisfactory chicken and duck housing. This book has a

couple of plans for chicken coops, but not enough to buy the book. Why did I give it four stars then? Because the book is designed to give you building plans for various types of live-stock (pigs, horses, cows, chickens, goats, rabbits, and others). The book does give you 60 plans like it says it does, but there is never more than 2 and at the most three on any specific animal. This book does have a lot of good information in it beyond the housing plans. It has minimal spacing for your animals, safety and health of your animals, plus it has lots of good pieces of advice throughout the book that has been picked up over 30 plus years. If you like me and are looking to build housing for a specific type of live stock then this is probably not the best book for you (for chickens I would suggest "Poultry House Construction" by Michael Roberts). However, if you are looking to build housing for various breeds of live-stock then this book would be a wise purchase. However, a materials list would have been nice (not enough books give them).

Good illustrations. Clearly written.

I was hoping for some step by step for those of us with little construction experience. This is not for the beginner, knowledge of reading architectural blueprints may be helpful.

As a "city kid" moved to the country, I am finally fulfilling my dream of having critters of every shape and size! Peacocks, chickens, geese, ducks! My newest babies are goats! So of course, they all need homes to live in and to be protected in. This book has tons of ideas, and detailed plans to build marvellous safe housing for your feathered, or furry friends. (Now if only sold handymen who would do the construction for me! :) **How to Build Animal Housing: 60 Plans for Coops, Hutches, Barns, Sheds, Pens, Nestboxes, Feeders, Stanchions, and Much More**

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