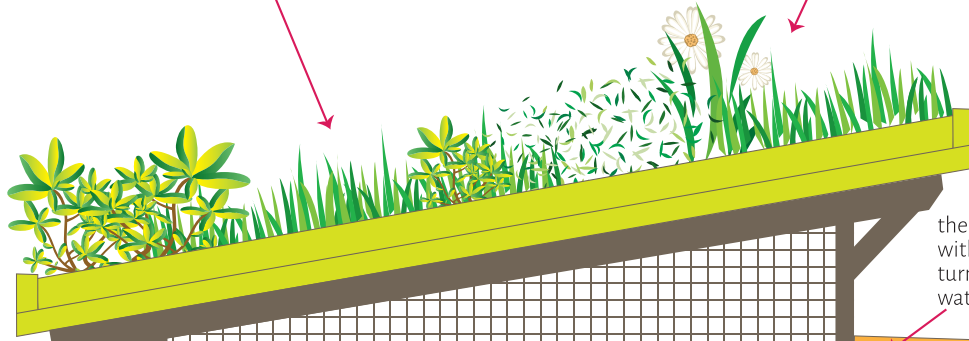


the green roof

we used the same OSB for the roof. we lined with vinyl (like the kind you'd use for large vinyl banners/signage) and held it in place with a specialty caulk. on the roof we grow thyme, strawberries, pansies and chives. it gets watered with the water from their water bowl, so there's also some wheat growing on it.

holding the roof

we have 3 2x6 beams that run underneath the OSB to hold the roof on. We wanted to make sure the OSB had enough support underneath it so that it wouldn't collapse under the weight of the plants. 3 years later it's still intact.



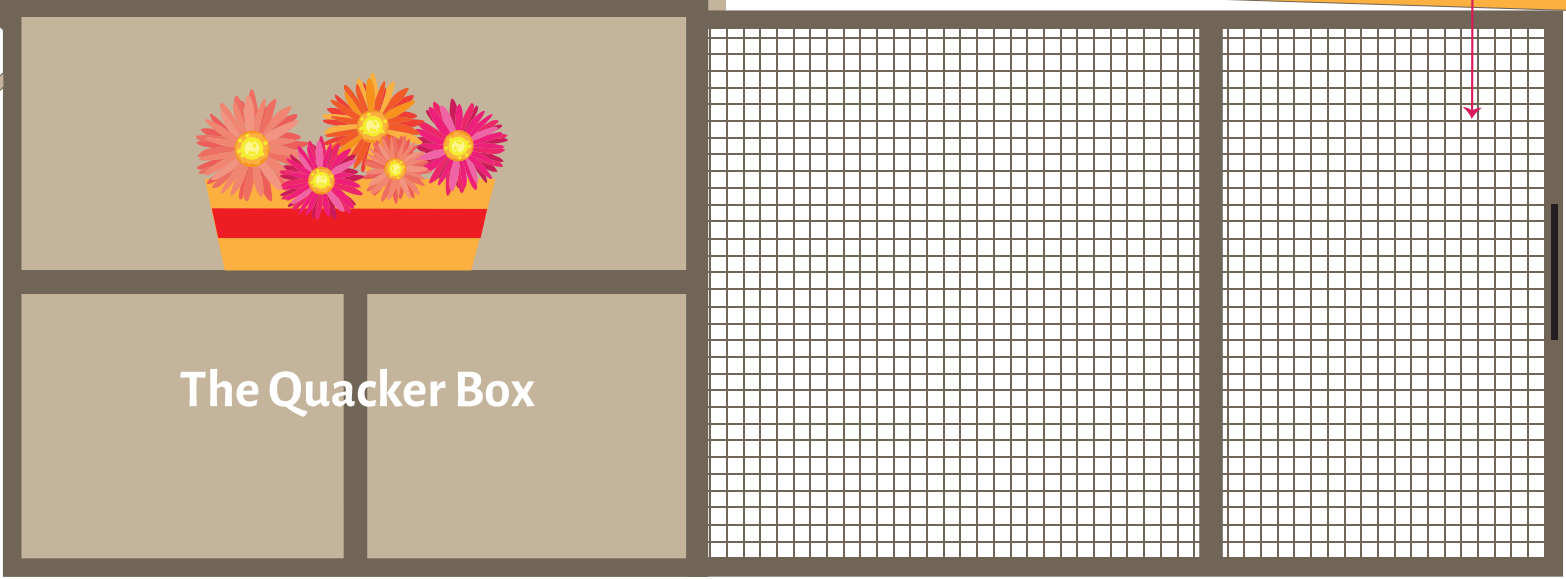
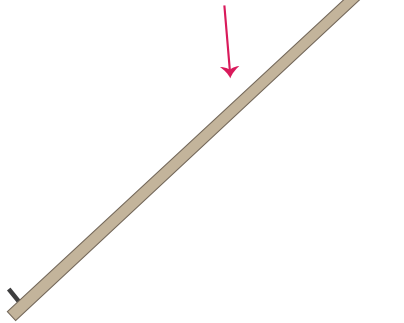
a removeable roof to keep out rain - like a lid. :)

b/c the roof of the run is hardware cloth they were getting wet & so was their food when it would rain, so we went back a few months later and added the lid. this is just painted OSB board (the kind you'd use for subfloor in a bathroom or kitchen). there are two handles on top to make removing it easy.

the lid is held at an angle with a strip of painted 2x4 turned on its side so that water can run off of it.

front door

back door to the nest area secured with two spring latches on either side of the bottom.



The Quacker Box

nesting box

our girls share one huge nest that takes up the entire back.

the floor of the coop

to prevent things from digging into the coop, we put down a large strip of 1/4"x1/4" hardware cloth. there's always pine shavings in the coop so they're never walking directly on the metal floor. **in retrospect, we should have put down a vinyl coated hardware cloth instead of the galvanized cloth (i've read things about the metal leaching and possibly affecting the birds).** next time we clean the coop we'll pull out the galvanized and put down a coated 1/4"x1/4".

run area (3' tall x 24" wide x 4' long)

this is where their food & water are kept. it's not a big enough area for them to stay in all day; it's basically a screen porch for them to sleep in. when it's really cold in the winter we tarp it with moving blankets and plastic to hold heat.