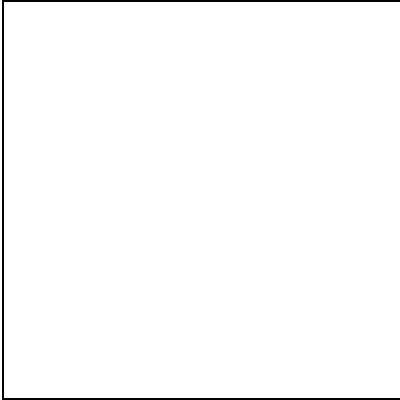


How to Build a Goat Shelter

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All animals have an instinct to find shelter in inclement weather and goats are no exception. They don't require an elaborate setup, unless you want to build one. Something to keep them dry and warm because a goat that gets wet will almost certainly become ill. A wet goat in the wind will also almost certainly produce a sick goat. And a key issue to remember is that goats easily get pneumonia if they are wet and cold, and pneumonia in a goat is a swift killer.

Difficulty: Moderate
Instructions

Things You'll Need:

- 2x4 boards
- Plywood
- 4x4 posts (4)
- Nails
- Hammer
- Shovel or post hole digger
- Instant concrete
- Shingles or tin for roof
- Tin for outside walls (optional)

Think Ahead Before Starting

1. Step 1

Consider the climate to determine what type of shelter to build. It's most important that fainting goats are protected from wind and rain.

2. Step 2

Decide how big you need to build the shelter, depending on the number of goats you currently have. Also, keep the climate in mind. Decide if a smaller space will keep them warmer in winter, or if they need more space to stay cool in summer. If you are looking to expand your herd, keep this in mind when you build a shelter. You can easily add sections or stalls if necessary.

3. Step 3

Find a location for the shelter. A three-sided shed works well for mild climates. However, a four-sided shelter with a small door might be ideal. The goats can roam in and out, but it will provide them with more warmth and protection from predators.

4. Step 4

Decide on your budget. If you are serious about breeding/selling goats, then you may spend more on a shelter than a hobbyist. Natural shade and wind breaks are adequate shelter in most climates, but a simple, draft-free, three-sided shed is relatively cheap and provides good protection.

Begin Building

5. Step 1

Find a suitable location. Choose high, flat ground that won't flood. The back of the shelter should face the wind, so your goats have protection from drafts

6. Step 2

Measure how big you want the shelter to be. Consider at least 10 by 10 feet for up to three goats, and larger if you will breed them or plan on keeping more goats.

7. Step 3

Dig four holes for the corner posts. The holes should be at least 3 feet deep. Reinforce the posts with concrete. Let the concrete dry around the posts before adding dirt, and pack the dirt tightly.

8. Step 4

Build the three sides with sturdy 2 by 4 inch wooden boards. Use at least three boards for each side, spacing them evenly. Use at least four nails for each end of the boards: two on one side, two on the other. Nail boards in place for the roof.

9. Step 5

Build the roof from thick plywood and shingles or tin. Tin will be quicker and cheaper, but may not be as aesthetically pleasing.

10. Step 6

Enclose the shelter. Nail thick plywood boards to the inside of the shelter. It will prevent the goats from climbing and will provide extra protection from the elements. Nail plywood and/or tin to the outside.

11. Step 7

Add bedding to the floor of the shelter. Straw and/or pine shavings work very well.