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# GETTING STARTED WITH CHICKS

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## How to Set up a Starter Brooder:

1. Select a box, large rubbermaid or wood cage!
2. Put Bedding in the bottom. ( We prefer wood shavings or straw)
3. Add a waterer and feeder. Fill feeder with a starter feed.
4. Select a heat source. A heat lamp or warmer panel can be used.
5. Consider natural options to keep your chicks healthy. Here are a few we use...
  - Dried or fresh Oregano ( great for immune support)
  - Garlic and Astragalus ( We like to use these as an infusion in their water.



(Add 1 tsp of each to a quart of warm water. Steep for 15 minutes then drain herbs.)

We like to start our chicks in a small brooder indoors for the first 2 weeks. We will then transition them to a larger area. Depending on the weather sometimes we will keep them indoors (in a garage or barn) for another 2-4 weeks. We like for them to have feathers before we transition them to an outside coop area!

Once they are ready to be outside we use a small coop. This coop is located in our field with our other chickens. This is a way for them to be in a separate area from the full grown chickens but still get to be around them! When they are 10-12 weeks we will start to introduce them to the rest of the flock!

## Tips:

1. Add 1 tsp of Apple Cider Vinegar per quart of water to your waterers. This is great for overall health and encourages good bacteria!
2. Use Mealworms as a chicken treat or snack! These are a great source of protein!
3. Add free choice Grit to their brooder. Helps with natural digestion when they aren't able to free range outside yet!