

One may make the risers (sometimes known as wire bottoms) for coops various ways. I will describe some of the methods, that I'm aware of, that can be used to make them.

Equipment to make them:

1. floor wire that is 1" x 1/2"
2. wire cutters
3. j-clips or you can use cable ties

Directions below are given for a riser that needs to be 20" x 20".

Methods to make a riser:

**1. Creating the riser so it lays flat for storage:**

- a. You will have two (2) pieces for the top part of the riser. This is necessary so it can fold in the middle to get it into the coop door.
- b. Cut the wire so it is 1/2 of the size needed for the coop. Example: if the coop is 20" x 20" you will need two pieces that are 10" x 10".
- c. J-clip the two (2) pieces of wire together so they fold in the middle.
- d. Next cut two (2) pieces of wire that are 20" long and 2" wide (I have mine 1" wide as I find it is easier to get the bunny out of the coop with the riser not being so tall and still keeps them from getting messy bottoms).
- e. Next cut four (4) pieces of wire that are 10" long and 2" wide.
- f. To assemble the wire bottom, j-clip the length of the small pieces onto the top pieces.



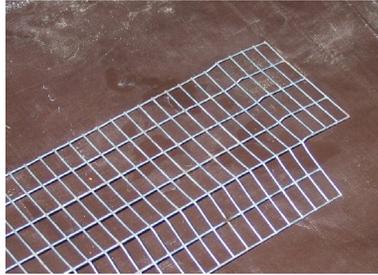
- g. When you get to the show you can then use cable ties to attach the sides together so it will raise the floor off the coop floor.



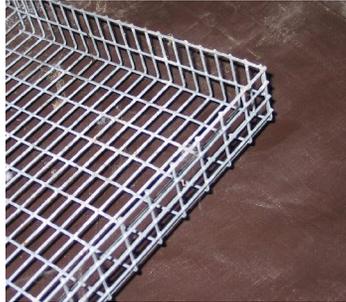
**2. Creating the riser that does not lay flat for storage:**

- a. You will have two (2) pieces for the top part of the riser. This is necessary so it can fold in the middle to get it into the coop door.

- b. You will cut the wire so you will have the additional wide needed to create the 'legs' so to speak to raise the riser off the coop floor. Example: 20" x 20" riser. You will cut two (2) pieces that are 12" x 14". You will only fold three (3) sides as the side without the 'leg' will be where it folds in the middle. This will allow you to have a two (2) inch rise off the floor. (I have mine 1"). See figure below.
- c. Cut a notch for the corner so when you fold down one (1) side of this piece the 'legs' will fit together.



- d. After you cut the two pieces you will need to bend (or fold) two (2) sides down two (2) inches. J-clip at the corners.



- e. Do the same for the second piece of wire you have cut.
- f. Hold the two pieces of wire together with the 'legs' away from each other and j-clip (you can use cable ties) together.

Example of finished riser regardless of which method you use is in Figure 5.



