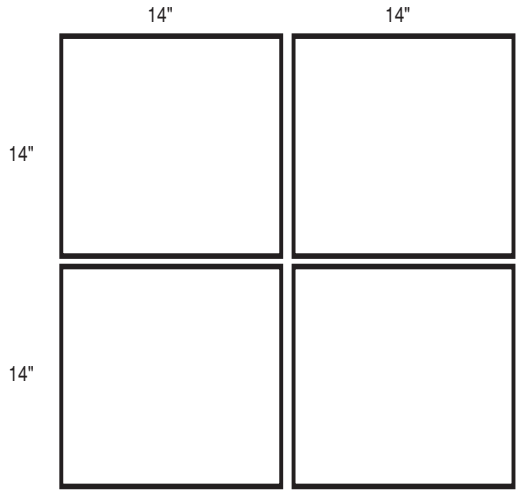
NIC CUBE RABBIT CAGE CONSTRUCTION: 28 x 28 x 28" SMALL CAGE



For the simplest and absolutely smallest set up you can make an approximately 28" cube. Some brands of cubes are different sizes, so measure your available space and the squares carefully.

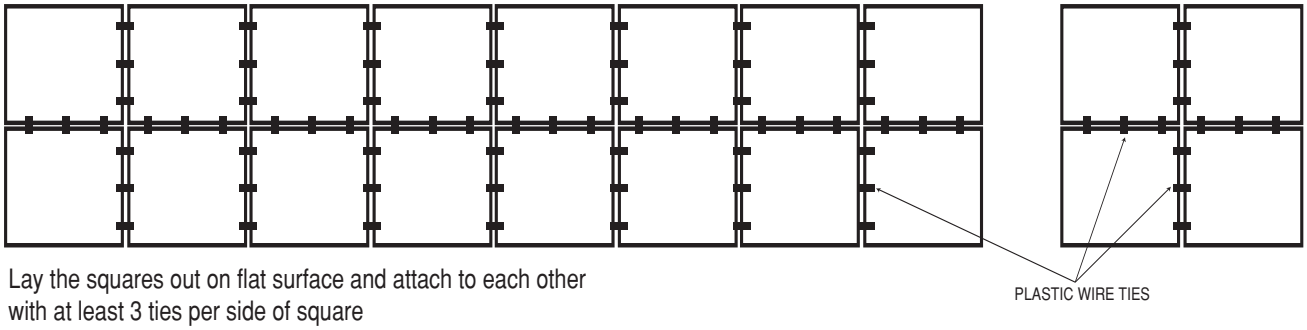
YOU'LL NEED: 20 NIC cube squares and at least 80 plastic wire ties

For strength: two ±30" lengths of closet pole dowel just smaller than holes in the squares (needs to be snug).

For shelf: Either 2 additional NIC squares or a piece of peg board just smaller than14x 28 and carpet piece to cover

For sides: 8 squares wide by 2 squares high

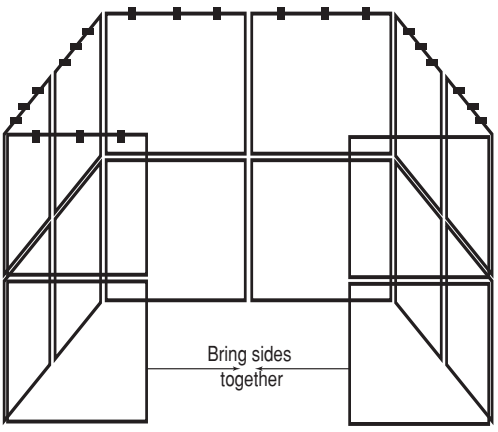
For top: 2 x 2 squares

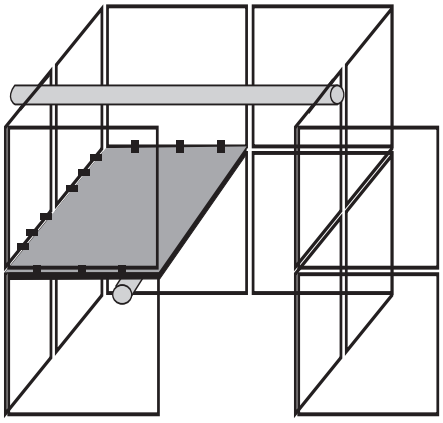


Lay the squares out on flat surface and attach to each other with at least 3 ties per side of square

Stand the attached squares on end and bring together into a square. Attach the roof to the base using wire ties. Reinforece corners with additiona ties.

One of the 2 square high pieces on the front will be the hinged door so don't attach to the roof.

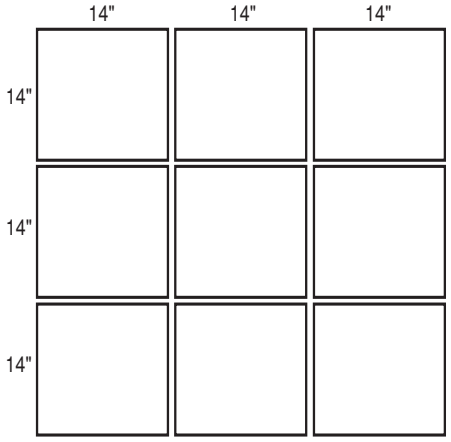




With pegboard, attach a shelf to the side of the cage opposite the door using wire ties through the holes in the pegboard. Cover with carpet.

Wedge dowel through holes in square and just under shelf for support. Let it stick out a bit on either end. For strength, add another dowel close to top going in opposite direction. Fasten door with spring clamp.

NIC CUBE RABBIT CAGE CONSTRUCTION: 42 wide x 42" high x 28"deep large cage



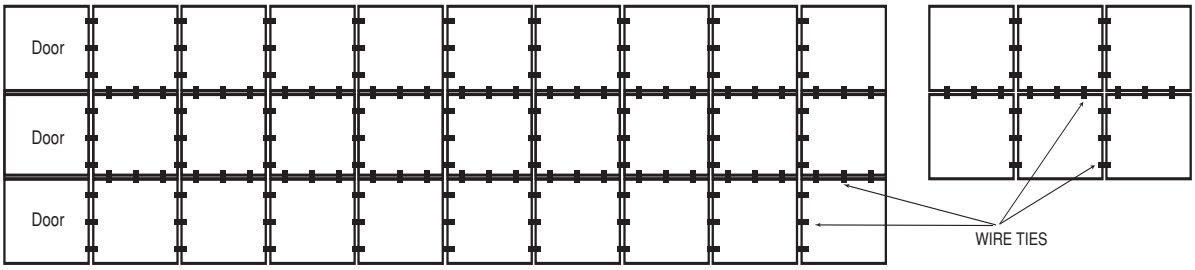
This variation can be downsized or upsized. It just shows how some time and imagination can create a deluxe living space for your buns. Some brands of cubes are different sizes, so measure your available space and the squares carefully.

YOU'LL NEED: 36 NIC cube squares and about 150 plastic wire ties
For strength: four ±30" lengths and one 60" of closet rod dowel just smaller than the holes in the squares (It needs to be snug).

For shelves: Either additional NIC squares or four pieces of peg board 13.75x 27.75" for the side shelves and one about 27.75 x 30" for the middle shelf and carpet pieces and carpet tape to cover the shelves.
For optional base which stabilizes it and gives it strength: A piece of plywood about 30" x 44" (a bit larger than the cage). The base can be covered with cheap linoleum tiles and you can put casters on the bottom. And about 20 P-clamps (see below)

For all vertical sides: 10 squares wide by 3 squares high

For top: 6 x 2 squares



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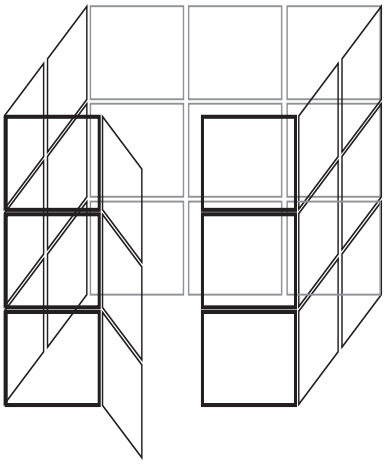
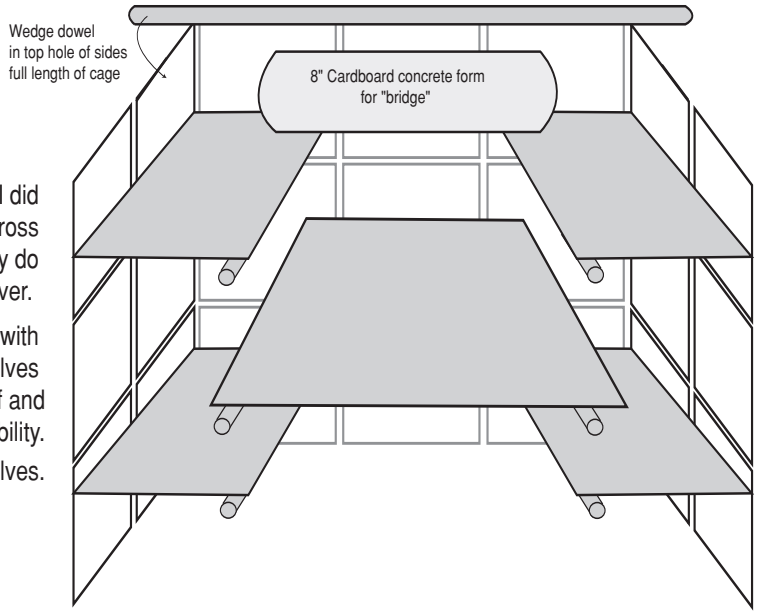


If you are going to make a base, put the casters on the bottom first, then cover the top with linoleum tiles. Stand the attached squares on end and bring together into a square and then place on base. Snap plastic wire P-clips (like this) around the bottom bar of the cage with the screw holes facing outward, then screw through the holes of the clips, attaching the cage to the base.

Attach the roof to the base using plastic wire ties. Reinforece corners with additional ties. Be careful not to attach the top door to the roof. Fasten door with spring clamp.



Customizing the cage is half the fun.This is what I did giving them lots of shelves to jump and run across without the danger of falling from any height.They do tend to lounge on the top shelves only, however.

The shelves are pegboard cut to size, attached with wire ties for support. I attached carpet to the shelves with carpet tape and put dowels below each shelf and across the top for strength and stability.

I also put a cardboard tunnel across the top shelves.

NIC Cage 56 wide x 42 high x 28 deep

NIC Cube cage with top closed.

I leave bottom open so the bunnies have acccess to the laundry room when we're not at home.

I made the middle shelf wider than the ends of the small shelves so in case a bunny fell it would only be 14 inches. I have the bottom layer carpeted since their litterbox is outside the cage and the linoleum tiles I put on the bottom were slippery.

NIC Cube cage with top open for cleaning.

I have my cage built on a piece of plywood covered with vinyl tiles on the bottom but put a washable mat on the bottom for better traction. The whole cage is then on casters.

NIC Cage 56 wide x 42 high x 28 deep DETAILS

I used closet rod dowels to support the roof and shelves for strength.

The shelves are NIC cubes topped with masonite peg board (through which cable ties work easily for tieing the unit together). Home Depot cut the masonite to size for me from one sheet.

On top of at is inexpensve carpeting that was exactly the right width right from the roll. It comes by the foot.

I cut an access hole in the middle of the concrete form tube in case I ever had to “encourage” a bunny out when it was time for the vet. It has come in handy.