

I Broke up with My Boyfriend and Got a New Family

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During the shelter-in-place order this year, online gaming with friends became really popular. I thought it seemed super nerdy, until quarantine continued and I started to feel the crushing boredom set in. I had an old friend invite me to play with their game group and I welcomed the distraction. Who knew Zoom was going to be a catalyst of change in my life? I cried laughing and stayed up too late once or twice a week for the next month. I reconnected with old friends who reminded me how fun relationships should be and I was not only loved my silliness- but they cheered me on as I threw out increasingly dumber jokes.

These friends ended up being my foundation (when shortly thereafter after I) left my partner of nearly 8 years, in part because he didn't like my sense of humor (I'm pretty funny!!).

I'm now living in a guest room, making sourdough, building saddles for chickens, and planning the next great adventure for my life and laughing my way through it all.

How to Make Chicken Saddles

To make a good chicken saddle, I recommend starting with cardboard scraps. Decide if the saddle will be western or English (traditionally chickens are ridden western but the choice is yours). Shape the saddle according to style preference and relative size of your chicken. Cover the structure in papier-mâché and let dry. Paint to your aesthetic. Find some twine or structured, thin, rope like material. Create two little foot holds and attach to a longer length of rope with hot glue. Careful! Then attach those stirrups to the saddle structure. Do any final touches like glitter, tassels, or other embellishments. To attach to your chicken, first catch the bird in question. Then tuck a stirrup under each wing and get ready for the ride or your life (please note it is not ethical to harness your chicken but you can make them a small cowboy hat if you like).

Note: Little stirrups are there. Tucked under the wings.

See attached **videos** for more information about chicken saddles and sour dough bread.

