

SIMPLE INCUBATOR DESIGN

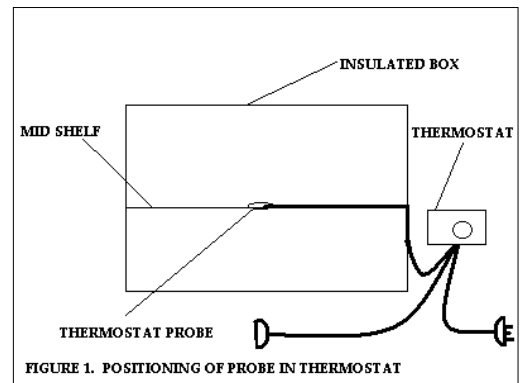
You can quickly and easily set up a basic incubator using some products from the iPetz range and follow these simple steps. This can often make it more inexpensive than purchasing a commercially designed incubator.

You will need the following:

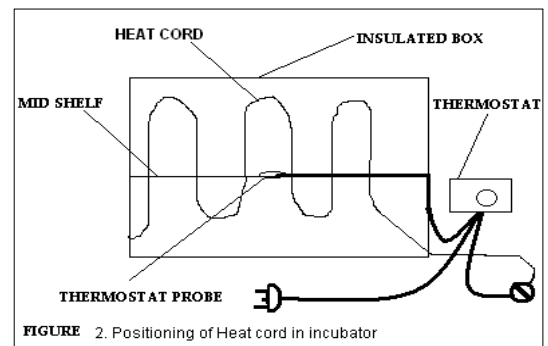
- 1 x Insulated box (Can be self-constructed, esky, old bar fridge, etc.)**
- 1 x Ultimate Heat Cord**
- 1 x Thermostat with probe (Microclimate thermostat, Thermostat plus)**
- 1 x Thermometer**
- 1 x Packet of eyelet screws or hot glue gun and glue for securing heat cord.**

Step 1. Make sure that your incubator will be well insulated and very clean. This is especially true if you are using an old fridge as these may contain fungal spores that could kill off your clutch of eggs.

Step 2. Thread the probe of the thermostat through a pre-drilled hole in the wall of the incubator. If using an old fridge, cut a section out of the door seal to thread through as some old fridges may contain asbestos in their casing. Position probe centrally. Having a shelf in the middle of your incubator can make this easier. See figure 1.



Step 3. Thread heat cord through a second pre-drilled hole and attach to the wall and floor of the incubator. Zig zag up and down sides and position with either eyelet screws or heated glue. See figure 2.



Step 4. Place your eggs inside of a container with appropriate incubating medium. Place the Container inside of the incubator, making sure that you have labelled with the species and date they were laid to give you some guidance as to hatch date.