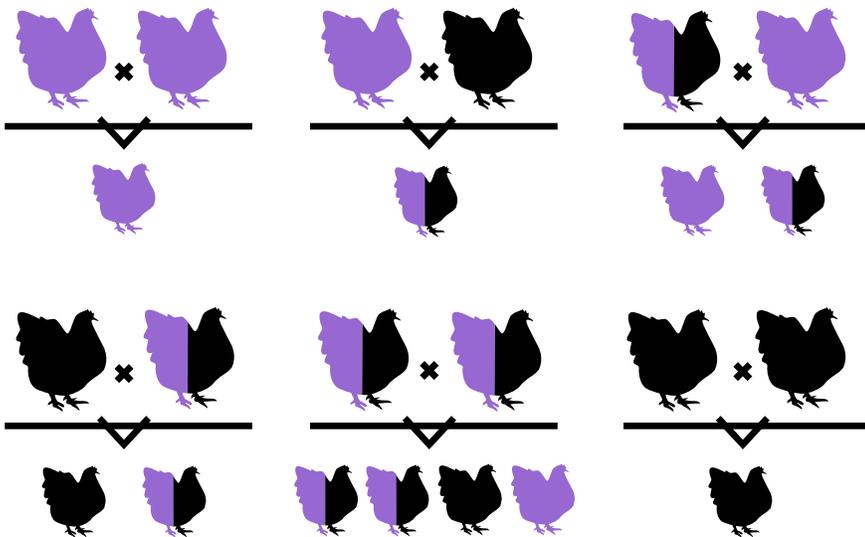


Lavender Orpington Breeding

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The Lavender gene is recessive. Only Orpingtons with two copies of the gene will look Lavender. Orpingtons with one copy are normal colored and called Split Lavender Orpingtons.

Pure Lavender Orpingtons breed true, so the offspring will always be 100% Lavender. Never cross Lavender when there are feather problems, as this can cause serious health issues.



Lavender Cross

Lavender breeds true

Black x Black = 100% Black

Lav x Black = 100% split

Lav x Split = 50% Lav, Split

Black x Split = 50% Black, Split

Split & Split =
50% Lavender
25% Black
25% Lav

Creating a Lavender Orpington

Cross a Lavender rooster with an Orpington. The F1 offspring will all be Split Lavender and colored.

Now inbreed brother and sister, the combination of all the Split Lavenders will give you 25% Lavender chicks. Half of the F2 chicks will be Split, and another 25% will not have any Lavender gene. Only part of the 25% Lavenders will look good enough to carry on.

Cross a proper Lavender F2 chicken to a pure Orpington to get more of the Orpington traits in the bird. The offspring will be 100% Split Lavender.

Select the best birds from the offspring and backcross to the Lavender F2-generation. Half of the eggs will hatch Lavender Orpingtons.

