

ROOSTER WEATHERVANES
BY WEST COAST WEATHER VANES

Rooster Weather Vane, Chanticleer Rooster



Chanticleer Rooster Weather Vane

The *Chanticleer Rooster weathervane* featured here was made in copper with gold leafed accents. On this particular weathervane, we gilded the beak, comb, neck ruff, tail feathers and legs. We have made this rooster with red eyes or yellow eyes depending on our customer's preferences. This is a popular design and our customers have displayed their weathervanes in all kinds of interesting locations. In addition to the roofs of barns and homes, this weathervane design has ended up on top of chicken coops, inside a French country kitchen as an example of American Folk Art, perched atop wood sheds and on top of a new SPCA facility here in California. One customer even ordered this weathervane in conjunction with one of our Fox and Feather weathervanes

As a "guard", a *Rooster weathervane* is a perfect choice for placing on top of a fence post, barn or home. From there, it can keep an eye on things and make sure all remains well with its world. This protective function is one of the reasons why Rooster weather vanes have graced the top of structures for over a thousand years. If you are ever fortunate enough to travel in Europe, you will see numerous examples of *Cockerel weathervanes* in both cities and rural villages, vigilantly surveying their domains. Reflecting on its long history in Europe, we call this particular rooster vane our **Chanticleer weathervane**, chanticleer being the French word for *rooster*.

Chanticleer is the French word for rooster and *rooster weathervanes* have featured prominently in French history; appearing on church steeples and towers for well over 1000 years. The rooster is Saint Peter's symbol (based on his denying Jesus three times before the cock crowed) so is often associated with him, particularly in Europe. In the Victorian Era here in America, when copper weathervanes were at their height of popularity, many people lived in rural environments and displayed weathervanes that represented aspects of their daily life. The rooster (along with cows and horses) was a natural subject and what better place to put a rooster weathervane than up on top of the farm house or barn where it could be the first to greet the new day!

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Rooster Weather Vane, Chanticleer, Looking Back



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Because *rooster weathervanes* are so popular, we wanted to offer something a little different than the status quo so I bided my time in designing one until I felt I had a really good idea. We took a lot of kidding from our weathervane making counterparts back East for already having over fifty designs (at that time) but still no rooster.

One weekend my husband, Ken, and I were visiting the [Asian Art Museum](#) (a truly remarkable museum if you are ever visiting San Francisco) and saw a wonderful exhibit of Zen paintings. There in front of me was a watercolor, comprised of just three or four brushstrokes, showing one of the most elegant roosters I'd ever seen, with his head turned gracefully to look back over his shoulder. That painting ended up being the inspiration for this weathervane design!

Rooster weathervanes have been traditional favorites for centuries. We offer several different *rooster weathervane* designs (see photos below). The *Chanticleer Rooster weathervane* pictured above was one of our first *rooster weathervane* designs but we had already been making handmade copper weathervanes for about five years before we introduced it.

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Rooster Weather Vane, Phoenix Bantam



Rooster Weathervane, Phoenix Bantam Rooster

Our **Phoenix Bantam rooster weathervane** was originally commissioned by a customer who raises Onagadori type long tail chickens. This weathervane was to go atop her "Banty Barn". I had never heard of these birds prior to receiving the commission but have since discovered they are quite fascinating (discovering interesting new subjects is one of the best things about this business!).

Phoenix Bantams are descendents of a Japanese chicken breeding program that date back centuries. Their most distinctive feature is their

extraordinarily long tails. While not quite as long as their most direct ancestors, the Onagadori, they are still spectacular. These birds are given special high roosts to protect and encourage the development of their long tails.

We have made a number of these **rooster weathervanes** for customers around the country. They have appeared on top fence posts, barns, aviaries, cupolas and one even presides over its domain from atop a turret on a 10,000 square foot home!

The **Phoenix Rooster** that appears here was made out of copper with gold leaf accents on the beak, shoulder epaulets, mid-tail feathers and legs. Other options for gold leafing could include the arrow tip, comb and wattle. We have made this bird with red eyes and yellow eyes. As with most of our weathervanes, the choice of eye color, optional gold leafing and inscriptions are up to you. Please give us a call at (800) 726-8736 if you have any questions about our **Rooster Weather Vanes** or we can be of additional assistance.

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Rooster Weather Vane, Walking



Rooster Weather Vane, Walking Rooster

The ***Walking Rooster*** featured above, center, was made in the Extra-Large (four-foot) size and now sits atop a large Casino in Southern California. This particular vane was made entirely in copper, which is a very traditional way of constructing weathervanes. Copper is the material of choice in weathervane making as it is non-ferrous, which means it will not rust. Copper also has the advantage of developing a beautiful and distinctive patina over time. It was only during the Victorian Age that weathervane makers started adding accents of gold leaf. Depending on your preferences, your weathervane can be made in all copper, a combination of copper and brass or with optional gold leafed accents



Chanticleer Rooster weathervane, customer photo



Rooster Weathervane, Medium



Rooster Weathervane on Barn

To the left are three photos graciously sent to us by our customers after installing their **Chanticleer Rooster weathervanes**.

You can click on any of these photos to get an enlarged view of the weathervanes. The ***rooster weathervane*** on the barn cupola is one of our Large (3 foot) weathervanes. The ***rooster weathervane*** with the trees in the background is one of our Medium (2 foot) weathervanes.

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Traditional Rooster Weather Vane



Rooster Weathervane, Traditional Rooster

This is our first **Rooster weathervane** design. Since then, we have created a number of different **Cockerel weathervanes**, but this remains a sentimental favorite. It has more the feel of a traditional piece of American folk art with its simpler features and details. The one you see featured here was made in a combination of copper and brass. Brass has a lot of copper (70% copper, 30% zinc) so it also non-ferrous and weathers very similarly to the copper with just a slight variation in the patina coloration. The effect is subtle but because the directionals (North, South, East & West arms) are brass, it is sometimes nice to pick up a little brass in the sculpture piece itself.

As with all our designs, you can choose the eye color for your **rooster weathervane**, add optional gold leafing or an inscription and choose the size that works best for your particular situation. One of our commissions to make this weathervane is accompanied by an interesting story. This particular customer moved into a new neighborhood and liked to walk her dog along the various streets in her community. On the next street over, she saw a **Rooster weathervane** that really appealed to her. After walking past the house for a couple months, she finally decided to stop, made her way up to the house and knocked on the front door. The owner came out and she asked him if he would mind telling her where he had gotten his weathervane. Without blinking, the homeowner gave her our name and web address. Apparently, it was not the first time this had happened! Well, later that day she called and placed her order. Surprisingly, after viewing our website, she liked the **Traditional Rooster** better than the one she thought she had her heart set on, so now we have two different, but equally attractive, rooster weathervanes in the same neighborhood in North Carolina!

A cock is a male chicken, the female being a hen. A young cock is called a **rooster** or a **cockerel**. The term "**rooster**" is reputedly so used because the cock is said to roost over clutches of eggs to guard them. In fact, "roosting" is the action of perching aloft to sleep at night, and is done by both sexes. The cock is non-monogamous, and can guard several nests of eggs at once. He guards the general area where his hens are nesting, and will attack other roosters who enter his territory. During the daytime, he often sits on a high perch, usually 4-5 feet off the ground, to serve as a lookout for his flock. He will sound a distinctive alarm call if predators are nearby.

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