

# Model Railroad Resources

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## Model Railroad Resources



Trying to find useful resources can be a time consuming task. I know, because I have been surfing the net trying to find some useful sites for you. Believe me, you can waste hours clicking on links that you think might contain useful information, only to discover that all they contain are ads, more ads and links to other sites containing even more ads. It is so frustrating!

So, here are some websites that I thought were worth a visit. I have selected these sites, because, at the time of writing this, they contained useful information. However, I have no control over these websites or their content. Like all websites, they are subject to change from time to time, and may not be active at the time you view them. I'm sure you'll find some interesting tips and ideas.

Helpful Websites – Click the links to find out more If for any reason clicking the links doesn't work, you can simply copy and paste the links into your browser to access the correct web page.

## Track layouts:

<http://www.layoutplans.com/>  
<http://home.wanadoo.nl/reinoud.kaasschieter/>  
<http://www.thorrrains.net/modelrr0.htm>  
<http://www.nmra.org/beginner/basicplan.html>

## Model Railway Electronics:

<http://www.atlasrr.com/wiring.htm>  
<http://home.cogeco.ca/~rpaisley4/CircuitIndex.html>  
[http://www.diynetwork.com/diy/co\\_trains/article/0,2033,DIY\\_13743\\_2270385,00.html](http://www.diynetwork.com/diy/co_trains/article/0,2033,DIY_13743_2270385,00.html)  
<http://www.gatewaynmra.org/dcc.htm>  
<http://www.trains.com/Content/Dynamic/Articles/000/000/005/602jkhs1.asp> <http://artm-friends.at/rm/train/>  
<http://www.tttrains.com/dcc/>

## Model Train Blogs:

<http://modeltrainsetshelp.blogspot.com/>  
<http://www.our-australia.com/blog/>

## Free Streaming Video Downloads and Train Sounds

<http://www.trainpictures.com.au/downloads.html>

## Model Train Forum: <http://www.the-gauge.com/>

## Scenery and Construction Techniques:

<http://rail.felgall.com/wiamr.htm>  
<http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu/~smithbf/BFSpages/LDSIGprimer/Construction.html>  
[http://www.diynetwork.com/diy/co\\_trains/article/0,2033,DIY\\_13743\\_2270387,00.html](http://www.diynetwork.com/diy/co_trains/article/0,2033,DIY_13743_2270387,00.html)  
<http://www.trains.com/Content/Dynamic/Articles/000/000/006/115qnpzb.asp?bitPrintable=1>  
[http://www.diynetwork.com/diy/co\\_trains/article/0,2033,DIY\\_13743\\_2270352,00.html](http://www.diynetwork.com/diy/co_trains/article/0,2033,DIY_13743_2270352,00.html)  
[http://www.diyenet.com/diy/rc\\_trains/article/0,2033,DIY\\_14225\\_2276278,00.html](http://www.diyenet.com/diy/rc_trains/article/0,2033,DIY_14225_2276278,00.html) <http://www.stevestrains.com/>  
<http://www.fsmtrees.com/>  
<http://backdropwarehouse.com/START.htm>

**Books** – Click the links to find out more (If for any reason clicking the links doesn't work, you can simply copy and paste the links into your browser to access the correct web page.)

## Realistic Model Railroad Design

*By Tony Koester*

A step-by-step book about creating a unique operating layout.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890245819/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## Track Planning for Realistic Operation

*By John Armstrong*

Book covers aspects of prototype freight and passenger operations, route design, and contemporary railroading.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890242275/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## Trackwork and Lineside Detail for Your Model Railroad

*By Kent J. Johnson*

An introduction to the basics of tracklaying and lineside detailing.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890245711/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **Basic Model Railroading**

By Kent J. Johnson

The basics of getting started with model railroading.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890243344/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **101 Projects for Your Model Railroad**

By Robert Schleicher

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0760311811/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **Easy Model Railroad Wiring**

By Andy Sperandeo

Easy and reliable layout wiring techniques for wiring a permanent layout.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890243492/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **Model Railroad Bridges & Trestles**

By Bob Hayden

How to build sturdy model bridges and trestles. Includes construction plans, prototype photographs, and over 20 sets of scale drawings.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890241287/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **N Scale Model Railroad That Grows**

By Kent Wood, Ric Laban

Building your first N scale layout with step-by-step instructions.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890242232/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **How to Build & Detail Model Railroad Scenes**

By Lou Sassi

A practical, photo-driven guide covering the principles and techniques of designing and constructing detailed, realistic model railroad scenes.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890245770/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **Scenery for Model Railroads, Dioramas & Miniatures**

By Robert Schleicher

With 25 handy tear-out reference cards

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0873417097/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **How to Build Model Railroad Benchwork**

By Linn Hanson Westcott

Elaborate carpentry ideas to support model railroad layouts.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890242895/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **Building City Scenery for Your Model Railroad**

By John Pryke

How to build your own realistic urban setting with modern city-scape modeling techniques.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890243433/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **Realistic Model Railroad Operation**

By Tony Koester

How to run your trains like the full-sized railroads.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890244189/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## **222 Tips for Building Model Railroad Structures**

By Dave Frary

Tips and techniques for building plastic, wood, plaster, paper, and metal structures including: roofing, painting, weathering, and detailing information.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890241457/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

### **Your Guide to Easy Model Railroad Wiring**

By Andy Sperandeo

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890240604/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

### **48 Top Notch Track Plans**

By Bob Hayden

Track plans designed to work in any amount of space or scale preference, including HO (Hon21/2 and Hon3), O, S, N, and Z scale from Model Railroader Magazine.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890241902/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

### **One Hundred and One Track Plans for Model Railroaders**

By Linn Westcott

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890245126/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

### **ABCs of Building Model Railroad Cars**

By Wayne Wesolowski, Mary Cay Wesolowski

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0830616357/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

### **HO Railroad from Start to Finish**

By Jim Kelly

Photographs, diagrams and helpful construction steps for building a walkaround 4 x 8 layout.

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0890241554/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

**Magazines – Click the links to find out more** (If for any reason clicking the links doesn't work, you can simply copy and paste the links into your browser to access the correct web page.)

#### **Model Railroader Magazine** (and others)

5 different magazines specializing in model railroading.

<http://www.trains.com/maghomepage/maghomepage.asp?idMagazine=3>

#### **Model Railroading**

Magazine and information for the model railroad enthusiast.

<http://www.modelrailroadingmag.com/>

#### **Fine Scale Railroader**

Includes photography and coverage of realistic scale model building, layouts and dioramas, and prototype plans and articles.

<http://www.finescalerr.com/>

#### **Railroad Model Craftsman**

Model railroading magazine with some excellent links.

<http://www.rrmodelcraftsman.com/>

#### **Canadian Modeler Railway Magazine**

Provides heritage information associated with Canada's prototype railways along with building projects related to Canadian trains and structures. Also includes product announcements, prototype photographs, modeler's photos, Canadian book reviews, and video reviews.

<http://www.cdnrwymod.com/body.htm>

## 48 ft O Scale News

US magazine for 2-rail O Scale modelers. Website is updated several times a week with a lengthy schedule and dealer list (primarily US & Europe).

<http://users.foxvalley.net/~osn/>

## S/Sn3 Modeling Guide

Model railroad information for the S scale modeler

<http://www.modelingguide.com/>

## Mainline Modeler

Dedicated to providing the model railroad enthusiast with model industry information, technical "how-to" guides, schematics, plans, and prototype information. Published monthly.

<http://www.mainlinemodeler.com/>

## N-Scale

Each issue of N-Scale has the latest news for the model railroad enthusiast including projects, tips, and techniques. A bi-monthly magazine.

<http://www.nscalemagazine.com/>

**Simulation Software – Click the links to find out more** (If for any reason clicking the links doesn't work, you can simply copy and paste the links into your browser to access the correct web page.)

## Model Railroad Simulator

By Summitsoft

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00007M9SO/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## Railking-Model Railroad Simulator

By Global Star Software

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B0001GJBSU/interebookmor-20/102-7377713-6780146>

## Rails USA

Various software programs for model railway enthusiasts.

[http://www.railsusa.com/links/Model\\_Railroad\\_Software/](http://www.railsusa.com/links/Model_Railroad_Software/)

## National Model Railroad Association

Various software programs for model railway enthusiasts

<http://www.cwrr.com/nmra/Mana-SW.html>



**Associations and Clubs – Click the links to find out more** (If for any reason clicking the links doesn't work, you can simply copy and paste the links into your browser to access the correct web page.)

### **Model Railroad Clubs of the World**

International Club Listings

<http://www.tfs.net/~jashaw/rrclubs/clubs.html>

### **Rails Canada**

Canadian Model Railroad Clubs

[http://www.railscanada.com/links/Model\\_Railroad\\_Clubs/](http://www.railscanada.com/links/Model_Railroad_Clubs/)

### **Model Railroading Associations and Trade Organizations**

Various listings of Associations & Trade Organizations

<http://www.thestorefinder.com/rr/library/rrtrade.html>

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### **Railroad Simulator**

If you have no time, or very little money and no space whatsoever for your very own model train "set" in your house...then check this out. Ok, so it's "technically" not a railroad, but it's the next best thing! You can take it just about anywhere and it takes up virtually no space!

Have a look here: <http://www.auran.com/TRS2004/default.htm>



## Conclusion

Model railroading is a truly rewarding leisure activity that will keep you busy and entertained for hours... if not a lifetime. Best of all, it is an excellent way to have fun, continue to learn and to make new friends. So, I am sure you will have enjoyed this book.

There are numerous organizations you can join where you can meet with like-minded people from all walks of life who share your passion for model railroading.

If you would like to e-mail me your suggestions, or comments about how you have applied what you learned, or a testimonial, or you if you have a question you'd like me to answer in the next edition, please email me at [modeltrainbook@model-train-help.com](mailto:modeltrainbook@model-train-help.com)

If you have a photo of your train set I'd love to see it too!

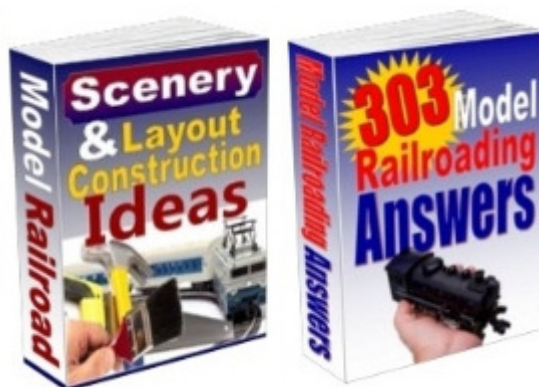
Please do not expect a reply as I already get far more emails than I can manage... and rest assured I promise to never send you spam!

**If you think you might be interested in getting paid  
for telling other model train enthusiasts about this book,  
then you'll find details here:  
<http://www.model-train-help.com/affiliates.html>**

This train is about to pull into the station – I'm sure you enjoyed your journey. So, thanks for reading, take care!

**Robert**

Recommended **follow-on** ebooks:



- **Model Train Scenery & Layout Construction Ideas**
- **303 Model Railroad Answers**

Available separately or as a package (save 41%) at  
<http://www.model-train-layouts.net>