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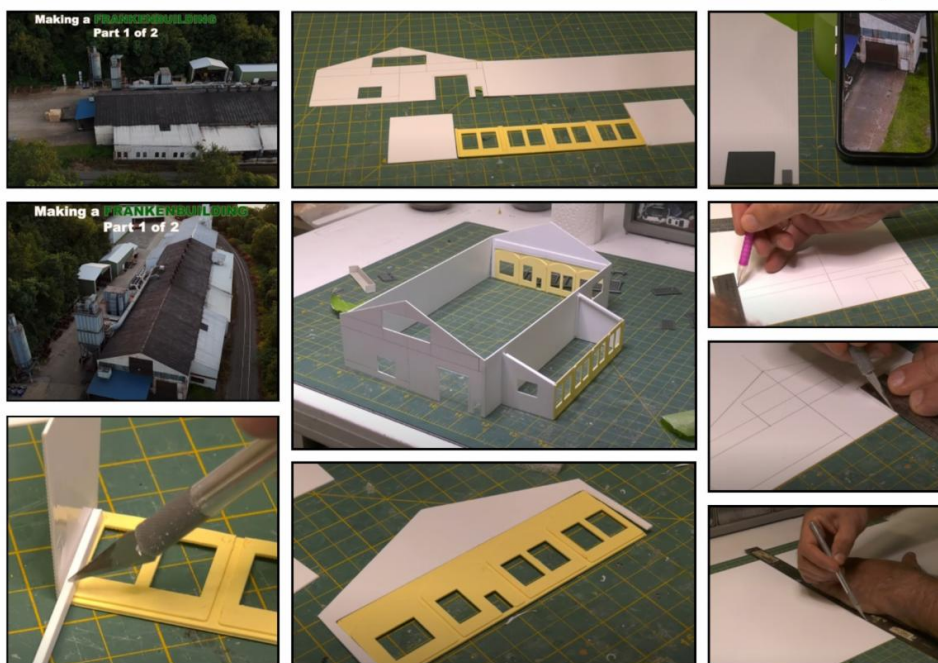
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YOU can scratchbuild an awesome Foundry for your model railroad layout. In this informative 2-part series You'll see how you can save money and make something great.

Walthers Proto HO EMD NW2 Switcher Review





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Check out the Walther's Proto HO Scale EMD NW2 Switcher in this detailed review and demo! This versatile switcher is available in LokSound DCC and DC-Ready versions, perfect for model railroaders looking for realistic operation and sound.

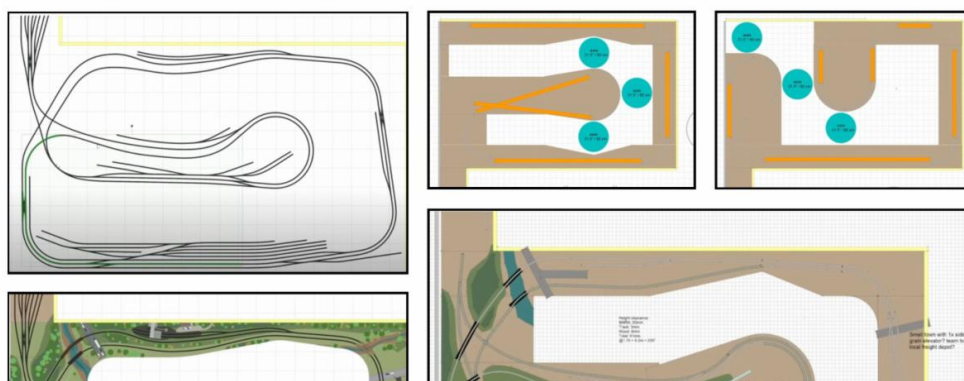
Distress Crayon - How To Fill Mortar Lines



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Filling in brick mortar joints in resin walls using a Distress Crayon from Tim Holtz. A follow-up from "Modeling Brick Mortar in Lasercut Wood" from 3 (now 6) years ago.

Layout Design - Mainline Track Planning





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Discover how *Model Railroad Designs* created a stunning HO scale layout with a double track mainline, a liftgate, and a paper mill as the star industry!

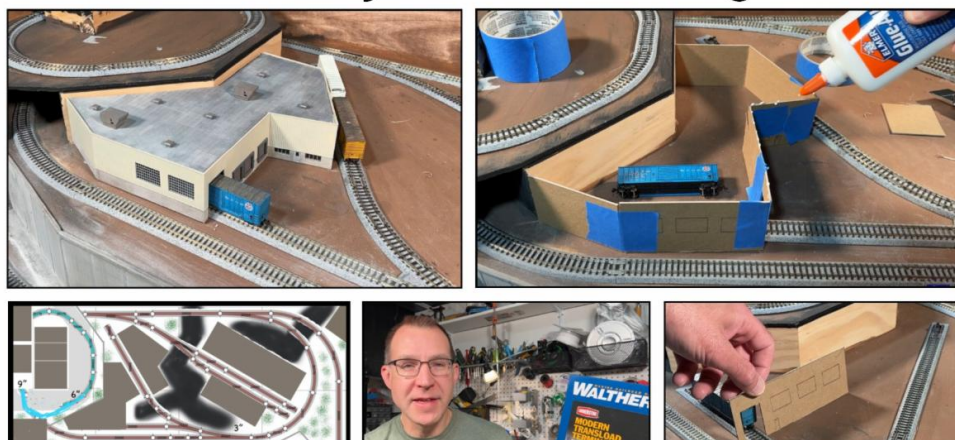
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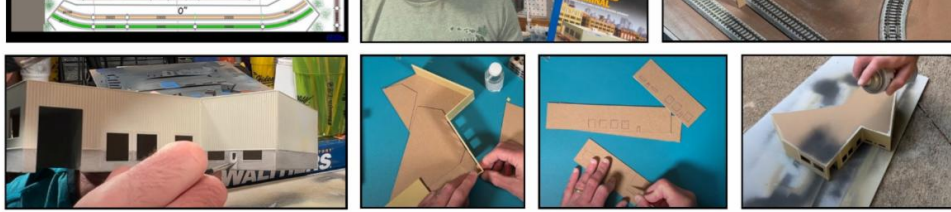


Service Returns to the Clinchfield Railroad

The monumental task of rebuilding the Clinchfield Railroad has been completed and service has begun. On September 25, 2025, the first coal train with the 1902 Clinchfield heritage unit in the lead headed south from Erwin, TN. It has been a humbling year documenting the progress of the rebuild, seeing firsthand what our neighbors went through after Helene. *Train Chaser Elliot* appreciated them allowing him to film and take pictures. Some lifelong friendships were made in the process. A thank you goes to all who worked so hard to rebuild the railroad.

Kitbash Your Way to Model Building Freedom

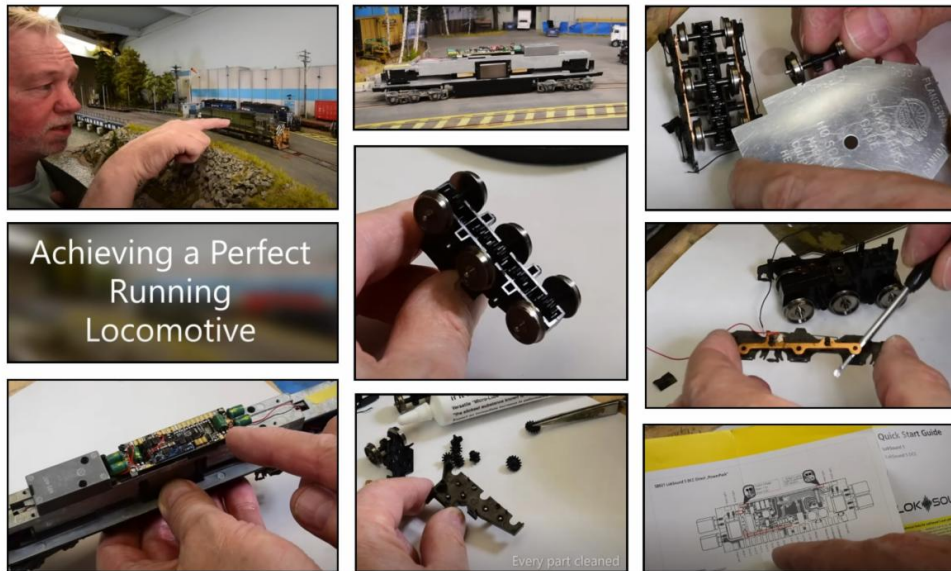




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Toss out the directions and build model kits like this one however you want. Like most Walthers warehouse type kits, this Modern Transload Terminal kit is easy to build in unique shapes.

Tuning a Locomotive for Silky Smooth Operation



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This is how to super tune the performance of a model railroad locomotive. Just because the locomotive is new, it's no guarantee it will run silky smooth. If it does not, there is a reason and a fix to achieve perfect running for your favorite loco.

Whatever Happened to Cattle Cars?

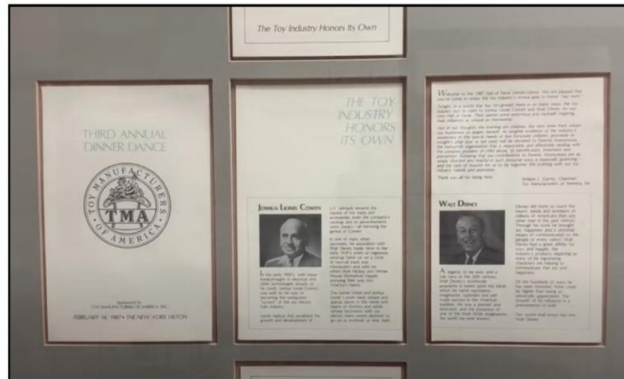
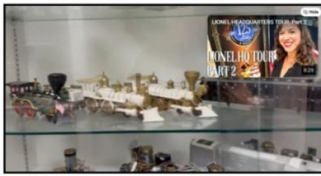




[**Whatever Happened to Cattle Cars?**](#)

Animals and trains have a strange relationship. Trains can be used to carry animals to horse races, circuses... or to slaughterhouses. This video looks at the boxcars & other railcars that were used to carry them across the nation!

Lionel 125 Anniversary Open House Tour



[**Lionel 125 Anniversary Open House Tour - Part 1**](#)

Lisa Konczal of "Train Talk With Lisa" travels with her friend Art to Lionel Trains headquarters in Concord, NC, for a tour of the facility where Lionel produces their product line. This is the first of a 4-part video series (links below) of their tour.



[**Lionel 125 Anniversary Open House Tour - Part 2**](#)



[**Lionel 125 Anniversary Open House Tour - Part 3**](#)



[**Lionel 125 Anniversary Open House Tour - Part 4**](#)

CPKC Lloydminster Sub & Red Barns at Wilkie



Lakeshore Rail Videos



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On September 15, 2025, *Lakeshore Rail Videos* set out on a weeklong trip across Saskatchewan. Their first stop was to shoot the CPKC Lloydminster Sub, which hosts a train every other day between Wilkie and Lloydminster. Today's train, CPKC D65-15 had CP 5034, CP 6258 and CP 3061 with 72 cars for Lloyd. Their first stop is the wooden elevator at Baldwinton, and then another elevator at Marsden. After Marsden, the railway swings north and climbs through the Battle River Valley towards Lloydminster. Later that evening, back in Wilkie they caught CPKC D74-16 building their train with CP 7308, CP 2245, CP 9010 and CP 9023 before departing town with a ballast train for Hardisty.

Review: Rapido HO Scale Hawker Siddeley Caboose (Van) CN Late w/ Black Steps and Stencil Lettering



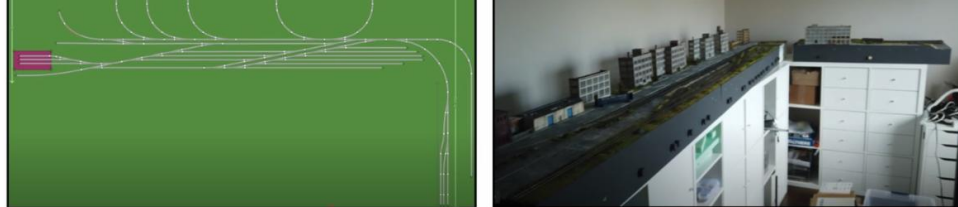
Review: Rapido HO Scale Hawker Siddeley Caboose

Today *da joe trains* takes a look at his first Rapido caboose, the Hawker Siddeley Caboose (also known as Vans). The models are in the CN Late w/ Black Steps livery, with one (79242) having a special stencil lettering for the numbers. These have some neat lighting features and look great! He needs to find himself a DEVCO version eventually too!

These models were announced in March of 2024, and were delivered in the last few weeks, September/October 2025. All 3 schemes he owns were also offered in the first run, but he missed out on those. These units were purchased from Lombard Hobbies on preorder. He is definitely glad he did as they seem to be selling out quick across all stores online, so grab one or more if you can!

Moving an N Scale Shelf Layout & Future Plans





Moving an N Scale Shelf Layout

Moving an L-shaped shelf layout from an apartment to a house could be a nightmare..., or easier than expected. In this video, layout owner *Approach Medium* moves his N scale switching layout named "New York Cross Harbor Railroad" to what hopefully will be its final location in his new house. He also discusses plans for expansion of the layout now that he has more space to work with.

Colorado RPM 2025 - Part 3

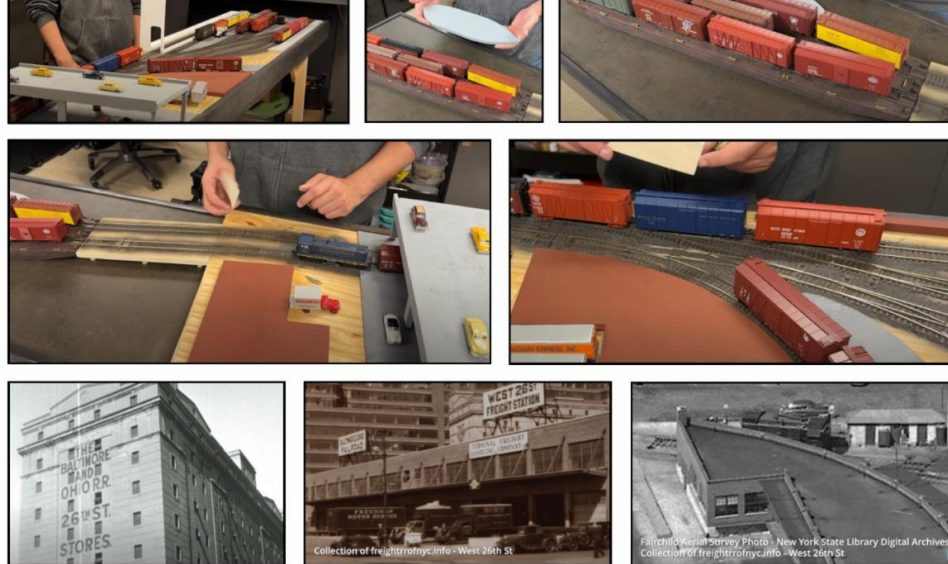


Colorado RPM 2025 - Part 3

James continues his coverage of the 2025 Colorado RPM meet in Greeley, Colorado by showcasing the Pikemaster's Free-mo club and a collection of Free-moN modules which are assembled into a large N scale layout. James also interviews Tobyn Buxton with Rocky Mountain Train Supply about a new product the company is offering. He also talks to Michael Maline about the Free-mo modular standard and the history of Pikemasters.

B&O 26th Street Station - Update #3





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Metaline Falls Railroad shares how he used plywood cutouts as stand-ins for future modeling projects.

Realistic Scenery for a Model Railroad Yard

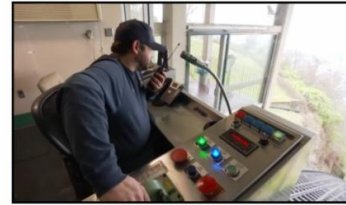


Realistic Scenery for a Model Railroad Yard

In this video Ron shows you how he created highly realistic scenery for a model railroad yard. He added scenery to his interchange yard at Hodge Jct. on his model railroad layout. The right scenery techniques really make a scene come to life.

Lookout Mountain Incline Railway





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Since 1986 Nashville Public Television's original production series, Tennessee Crossroads, has taken viewers on a weekly journey exploring all of the unique personalities, crafts, food, destinations and events that make Tennessee such a special place to live and visit. With host Joe Elmore viewers enjoy a weekly look at the active, vibrant and changing face of Tennessee.

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In this video, Miranda Cohen takes a ride on the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway in Chattanooga.



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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
JULY 27 TO AUGUST 2, 2026**





Early Bird Registration is Now OPEN!

The NMRA National Convention is coming to Chattanooga, TN for the first time ever in 2026! The Southeastern Region is excited to host NMRA members from around the world in the Scenic City. We have a week full of fun activities planned including:

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- Prototype Tours
- Steam-Powered Excursions and Dinner Train
- Non-Rail Tours and other Activities
- Operating Sessions
- Special Interest Groups
- Railroad Historical Societies
- Modeling with the Masters®
- Celebration of Models
- Train Show
- Banquet

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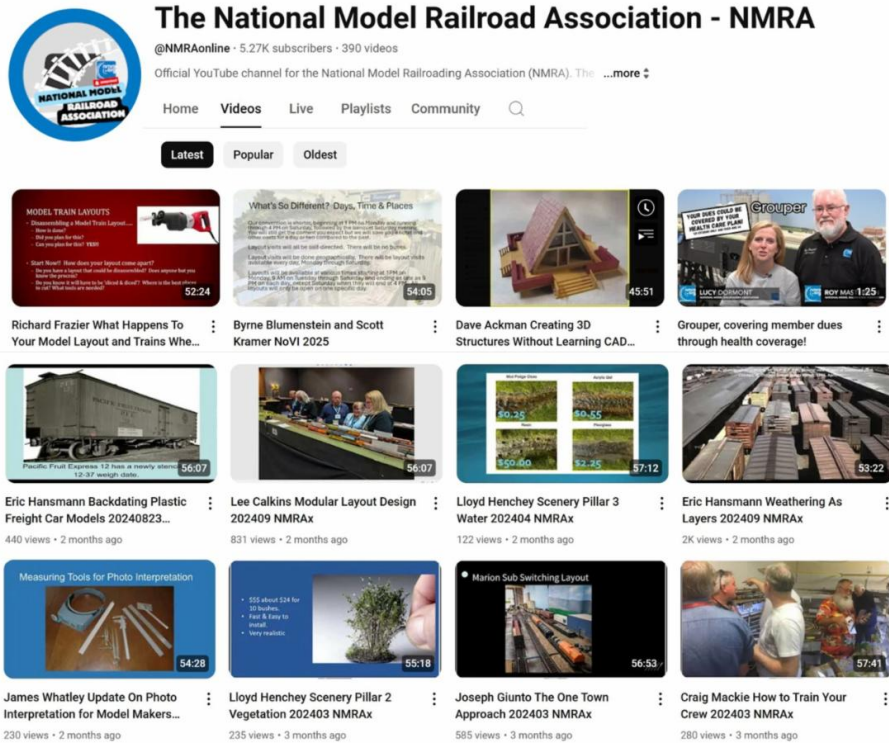
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