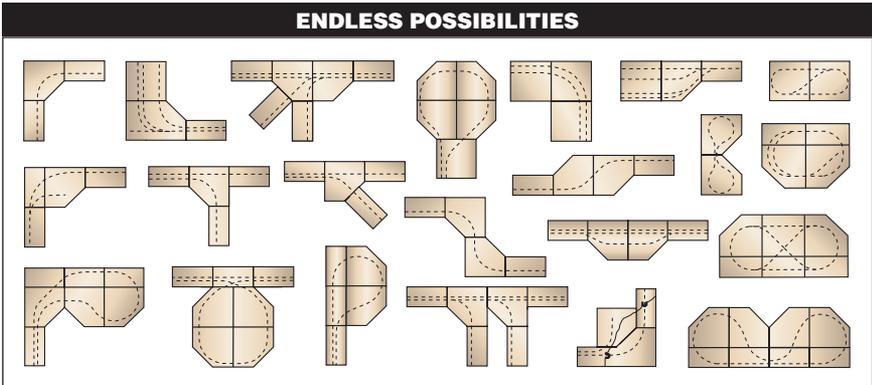
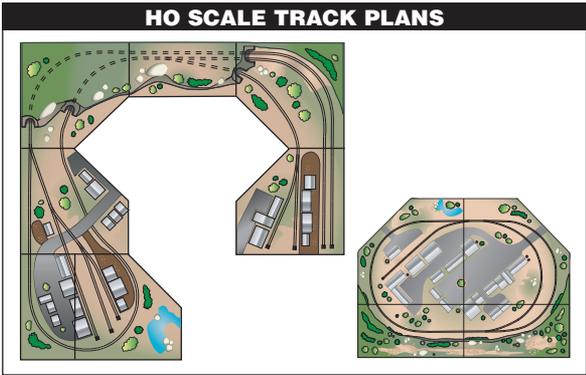
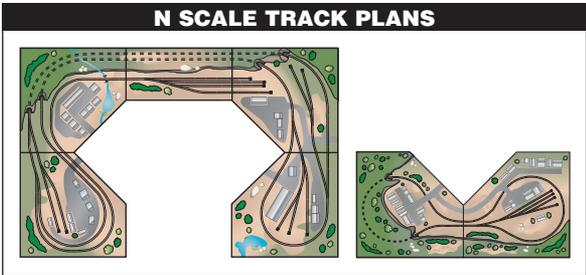


MODULES

Before buying a big sheet of plywood, consider building a module. Modules are small models that can be combined to create a larger layout. Modules can be a cost-effective option for beginners and allows modelers to focus on one section of the layout at a time, rather than trying to build a large model all at once. Modules can be stored and are much easier to transport than one large model. This makes modules great for wargamers and modelers who want to take their dioramas to shows.

Some model railroaders form modular clubs where each person is responsible for one module, and the modules are combined when the group meets. Modular groups usually establish a plan for how each module is to be constructed so that it will coordinate with others in the group. Be sure to work closely with others in your group when planning your module. You will want pieces like rivers, roads and track to connect properly with other module pieces.



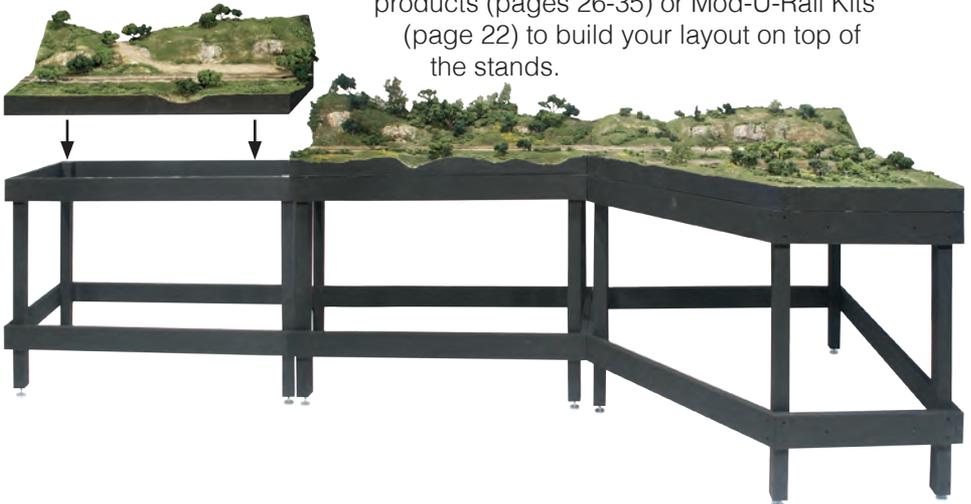
MOD-U-RAIL® STANDS

The Mod-U-Rail Stands are an easy benchwork option that does not require any special knowledge, calculations or power tools. They are premeasured, precut and predrilled wooden stands that are lightweight, durable and easy to assemble. Each stand is 35 1/2" tall with adjustable feet to simplify leveling.



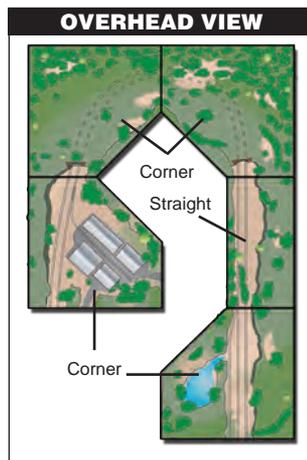
Mod-U-Rail Stands are available in three styles: Straight, Corner and Square. Use multiple stands and bolt them together to design your layout with an endless number of configurations.

Then use SubTerrain products (pages 26-35) or Mod-U-Rail Kits (page 22) to build your layout on top of the stands.



MOD-U-RAIL KITS

Mod-U-Rail is an excellent option for a new modeler with limited space. Our Mod-U-Rail Kits allow a model railroader to easily design, build and landscape a custom lightweight layout per specific space requirements. While designed for model railroaders, Mod-U-Rail kits contain terrain and landscaping materials that can be used for any kind of modeling. Mod-U-Rail Kits are available for straight or corner sections.



WIRING

When building benchwork, you need to consider whether you will need wiring for your model. It is usually easier to have wiring complete before beginning scenery. This wiring is necessary to operate trains and add lights. Whether you're a crafter making a sculpture, a wargamer lighting a mysterious cave or an architectural modeler making a building look occupied, adding lights is an easy way to add interest to a model.

Just like building your own custom benchwork, installing lighting may seem daunting. The Just Plug Lighting System is a quick and easy way to add realism and interest to your model without any special tools or electrical knowledge. For more information on the Just Plug Lighting System, see pages 215-231.

BEGINNER KITS

While most mistakes are easily corrected, some features can be difficult to modify once they are installed. If you familiarize yourself with the products, you are less likely to make these mistakes. Beginner kits, such as Layout Kits, Learning Kits and the Static Grass Starter Kit, are great ways to learn and practice before beginning your layout. Use kits to build your confidence, get a taste of your own creativity and learn how easy it is to achieve realistic results. These kits will address a variety of concepts such as modeling with Static Grass, building a road, creating a water feature and more.