

Shelf Layouts For Model Railroads



Synopsis

Learn how to build a shelf layout by exploring the possibilities, practicalities, and challenges of linear layout design in a variety of layouts with construction details.

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Customer Reviews

I thought this book would've been more demonstrative. There were a lot of photos but more than half were of real real railroad scenery. I couldn't see how the photos shown demonstrated how the photos applied to shelf layouts. I expected more actual shelving suggestions, supports and things like different ways to address corners and doorways. I've seen this stuff elsewhere but not in this book where it should be. This book leaves a lot to be desired.

This book is well written. The author gives many ideas on how to best construct a shelf layout for a model railroad. He presents both the strengths and weaknesses of said construction and shares a wealth of ideas.

I believe this modest volume is a 'must read' for a model railroader as it covers a variety of prototypes and fully develops the virtues of a shelf layout. I started building a rather large shelf layout (single deck, 250' main line) five years ago, and this book has been extremely valuable at many levels - prototype influence, conceptual design, construction, and operation. I also like the manner in which Mr. Rice illustrates his work. I purchased a few more copies recently to have at the ready as gifts for friends who are contemplating building or re-building a layout. Ted Shasta

Not what I expected either. Not enough detail how to actually build the shelf work, or instructions, lots of water colored pictures with no dimensions. Some actual photos of work being completed would have been better. I wish i had ordered the benchwork or building double decker book instead. And one more thing, how come prices are so much better than whats on kalbach's website? I mean, i have a sub to their magazine, and they still cant offer you decent prices on their books

Some excellent ideas for guideliens for those wishing to make a shelf layout for the first time

Very helpful.

This book was everything I expected and answered most of my questions about building shelf layouts. It prevented me from making a major design mistake.

This book was good, but not up to the superb standards that you ususally find in a Kalmbach product. There are very few photos of actual shelf layouts. Most are illustrations that are more theory than what works. I would have prefered to see more of real layouts. All in all, it is a good book and worth the price, but I think it would have been better if it had more construction and less theory.

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