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#1

Jimmy-J
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Jan 10, 2016, 11:48 AM

The footers are in place for the drop gate posts. I may put an L bracket to tie them more firmly into the baseboards, but I think that might not be necessary.

And I did the latch, too. I had to grind down the sides of the barrels where the screws go to (screw heads are bigger than expected, but not by much.) The result is nice and firm (very little wiggle.)

done

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#2

BarbyGirl
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Jan 10, 2016, 12:21 PM

I'd for that piece in the baseboard, only because I can't walk and chew gum without stubbing my foot somewhere it shouldn't be. The gate solution looks about as clean as I've seen. Well done.

Jim

Take the red pill

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#3

Michael_J_Sodos
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Jan 10, 2016, 12:25 PM

Ditto. I would almost certainly hit it with my big foot.

Mike

I was as much older then, I'm younger than that now Bob Dylan

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#4

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Jan 10, 2016, 12:38 PM

It turns out that the hinge causes the gate part to stick out more than I thought, so I'll have to trim maybe 1/4" to 1/2" from the gate.

Not a big deal (I have a non-ferrous metals blade for my mitre saw).

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#5

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Jan 10, 2016, 11:11 AM

I bought a cheap 1/16" 18 tap and tap handle, and tapped the top of the two posts. Since they were pre-drilled the right size, the tapping went easier than I expected. I also painted the footer pieces and some right-angle brackets. Tomorrow I'll probably put it all together and permanently affix the posts to the footers. I think I'm the only one who cares a lot, but for the record footer screw-top and washer is the homepage (counter-sinking, I'd said that) through the plywood.

done

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#6

BarbyGirl
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Jan 10, 2016, 11:28 AM

Dave,

So the bridge is a "drop down" versus a "lift up"? That an East Coast thing?

Jim

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#7

TRAINONLY
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Jan 10, 2016, 12:06 PM

My wife saw this. She wants to know were you get the rug??

Jerry

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." A. Lincoln

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#8

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Jan 10, 2016, 12:09 PM

Jim, a "flip up" bridge would bump against the ceiling. But a drop down bridge fits nicely into the space. Another alternative would be a swing out bridge. That would have some engineering problems and would end up being more fiddly, since it would bump against the big pad (once I get around to doing the part of the layout.)

Jerry, that rug was one of a set we got at Wacys when they had a sale a couple months ago. (It's polypropylene, not wool.) I think there were 3 runners, 2 small area rugs and 1 larger rug. Mostly we wanted them for the upstairs hallways, because our small dogs have problems(?) like walking on the wood floors.

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#9

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Jan 10, 2016, 12:13 PM

Is the rug a Bulkoosen from Macy's??

Jerry

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#10

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> Quote:
> Originally posted by: Bulkoosen
> Is the rug a Bulkoosen from Macy's??

Yes, I think so.

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#11

noDrewsCAR
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Jan 10, 2016, 12:04 PM

Thank you Dave, for giving me a fresh thought on removeable sections. I thought of lift-up or out, swing up or like a door but not swing down. That could a much better approach.

It's only make-believe

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#12

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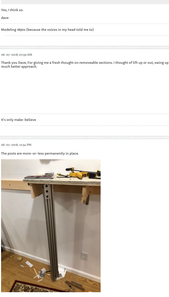
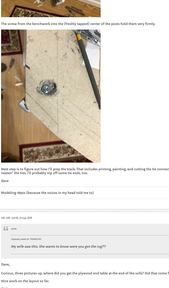
The posts are more or less permanently in place.



The screw from the baseboards into the (freshly tapped) center of the posts hold them very firmly.



Next step is to figure out how I'll prep the track. That includes priming, painting, and coating the tie connections underneath the rail so I can dana and "un-rosin" the ties. I'll probably rip off some tie ends, too.

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Jan 10, 2016, 12:34 PM

> Quote:
> Originally posted by: TRAINONLY
> My wife saw this. She wants to know were you get the rug??

Dave,

Curious, three pictures up, where did you get the plywood end table at the end of the sofa? Did that come from Macy's too?

Nice work on the layout so far.

Rich

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#14

BarbyGirl
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Jan 10, 2016, 12:35 PM

Dave,

Here's another thing to check out:

https://www.google.com/search?q=%22tie+-+ballast%22&oq=

Very handy for connections when you are working upside down under the layout. They'll handle the current and power just fine. Also nice for isolating blocks during the build or troubleshooting afterward.

Jim

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#15

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Jan 10, 2016, 12:35 PM

> Quote:
> Originally posted by: Pennsylvania
> Curious, three pictures up, where did you get the plywood end table at the end of the sofa? Did that come from Macy's too?

No, that came from "Dave's Discount Furniture and Parts Bin"

Rich

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