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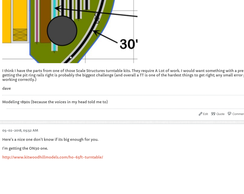
09-09-2018, 02:52 AM #60

I think this is what Mike proposes:



I think I have the parts from one of those Scale Structures turntable kits. They require A LOT of work. I would want something with a pre-formed pit, since getting the pit ring nets right is probably the biggest challenge (and overall a TT is one of the hardest things to get right any small error prevents the TT from working correctly.)

dave

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09-09-2018, 03:52 AM #61

Here's a size one don't know if its big enough for you.
I'm getting the Ohpa one.
http://www.sciencefictionkits.com/ho-6ft-turntable/

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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09-09-2018, 08:11 AM #62

I should be able to turn most of my locos on 6¢. Let me know how you like this!

dave

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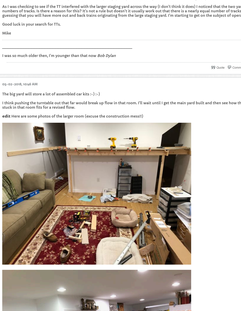
09-09-2018, 08:48 AM #64

> Quote:
> Originally posted by dennery:
> *I think this is what Mike proposes:*

Dave,
Actually, this is what I had in mind (approximately):



It doesn't cut into the small yard and transfer area and it doesn't really extend out into the room much at all. You could build the benchwork etc so it bends around to follow the curve of the TT perimeter. I drew it pretty quickly and obviously the turnout is not in a good place.

As I was checking to see if the TT interfered with the larger staging yard across the way (I don't think it does) I noticed that the two yards have different numbers of tracks. Is there a reason for this? It's not a rule but doesn't it usually work out that there is a nearly equal number of tracks in each direction? I'm guessing that you will have more out and back trains originating from the large staging yard. I'm starting to get on the subject of operations, I guess.

Good luck in your search for TTs.

Mike

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

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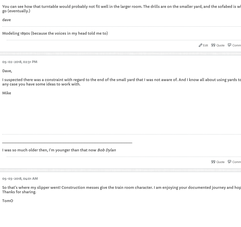
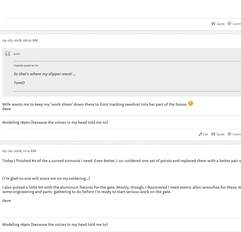
09-09-2018, 10:48 AM #65

The big yard will store a lot of assembled car kits :)...)

I think putting the turntable out that far would break up flow in that room. I'll wait until I get the main yard built and then see how the big unfolded that's stuck in that room fits for a revised flow.

edit Here are some photos of the larger room (excuse the construction mess!)





You can see how that turntable would probably not fit well in the larger room. The drills are on the smaller yard, and the unfolded is where the large yard will go (eventually.)

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09-09-2018, 02:51 PM #66

I suspected there was a constraint with regard to the end of the small yard that I was not aware of. And I know all about using yards to display rolling stock. In any case you have some ideas to work with.

Mike

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09-09-2018, 04:01 AM #63

So that's where my zipper went! Construction messes give the train room character. I am enjoying your documented journey and hope you are as well. Thanks for sharing

Tom©

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09-09-2018, 08:16 AM #68

> Quote:
> Originally posted by tom:
> *So that's where my zipper went! ...*
>
> *Tom©*

Wife wants me to keep my 'work shoes' down there to limit tracking sawdust into her part of the house.😉
dave

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09-09-2018, 11:14 AM #69

Today I finished #3 of the 4 curved turnouts I need. Even better, I un-soldered one set of points and replaced them with a better pair on one of these.

(I'm glad no one will score me on my soldering...)

I also posted a little bit with the aluminum fixtures for the gate. Mostly, though, I discovered I need metric allen wrenches for these. No problem, I still have some engineering and parts-gathering to do before I'm ready to start serious work on the gate.

dave

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09-09-2018, 12:09 PM #70

Those turnouts look great Dave!

Carl

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09-09-2018, 04:04 PM #71

Is that your train room or where you sleep???

Jerry

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09-09-2018, 05:55 PM #72

> Quote:
> Originally posted by TEANtique:
> *Is that your train room or where you sleep???*

That's the crew lounge, exercise room, shop room, train overflow area, and extra guest bedroom (that's a sofa-bed.)
dave

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09-09-2018, 09:18 AM #73

Nice track work Dave

It's only make-believe

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09-09-2018, 10:01 AM #74

Nice turnouts Dave!!

Jerry

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09-09-2018, 10:48 PM #75

Tonight I cut the gaps in my a curved turnouts. That's a pain-in-the-posterior, fishing the jeweler saw blade between the rails, then hooking it back up to the one frame (a 3-handed job)... I still need to test connectivity, solder the frog wires, and mount to the tie strips.

dave

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