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06-13-2024, 07:38 AM #1306

Looks like the flattening is working for you, Dave. Best of luck.

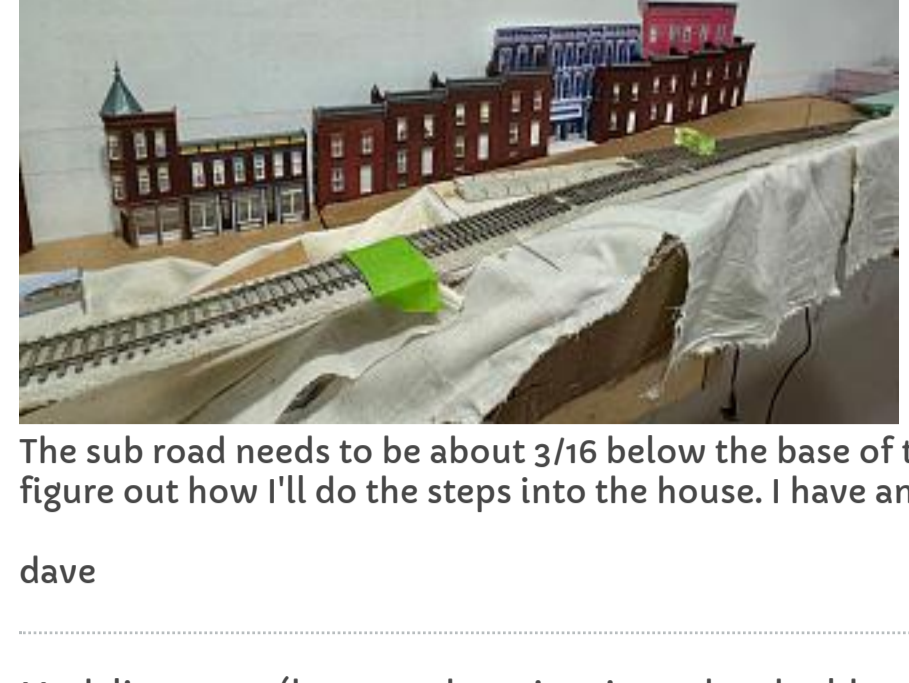
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07-03-2024, 03:36 PM #1307

A quick update: A neighbor and I will try to mount the backdrop tomorrow. But in the meantime, I did a bit of work mocking up the road in front of the row houses:



The sub road needs to be about 3/16 below the base of the townhouses, to allow for (a) pavement itself and (b) sidewalks. Once that's in place, I'll have to figure out how I'll do the steps into the house. I have an idea, the steps have to be sloped along the road in front of the doors.

dave

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07-03-2024, 04:03 PM #1308

Looking forward to seeing you work this out. Measure twice.....

Bob

It's only make-believe

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deemery commented
07-03-2024, 04:44 PM #1308.1

I need a piece to sit at the same level as the white wood you can see between the two blocks of row houses. The road slopes down, gets flat for that section where it intersects to the road going into the backdrop, and then slopes some more. To get stuff to fit right, I need to extend the visible white area underneath the current cardboard mock-up. I think "glue" will work, allowing for the cardboard sub road.

But before I make a final decision, I want to lay out the backdrop and the flats against that backdrop. The alternative to a full width road would be an alley like I show between the office block and first set of flats.

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07-03-2024, 04:46 PM #1309

Hope tomorrow's backdrop install goes smoothly.

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Follow along as my dog and I travel the country in our van.
FaceBook link: <https://www.facebook.com/A-Dog-A-Van-and-A-View-108345371976229> YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@Rick5727>

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07-03-2024, 07:28 PM #1310

Hope your backdrop goes as planned Dave.

TRAINS1941
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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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07-04-2024, 12:32 PM #1311

I ran out of mounting tape, so project is on hold until next week. Since there's still some warping in the panels, I want to use LOTS of tape.


dave

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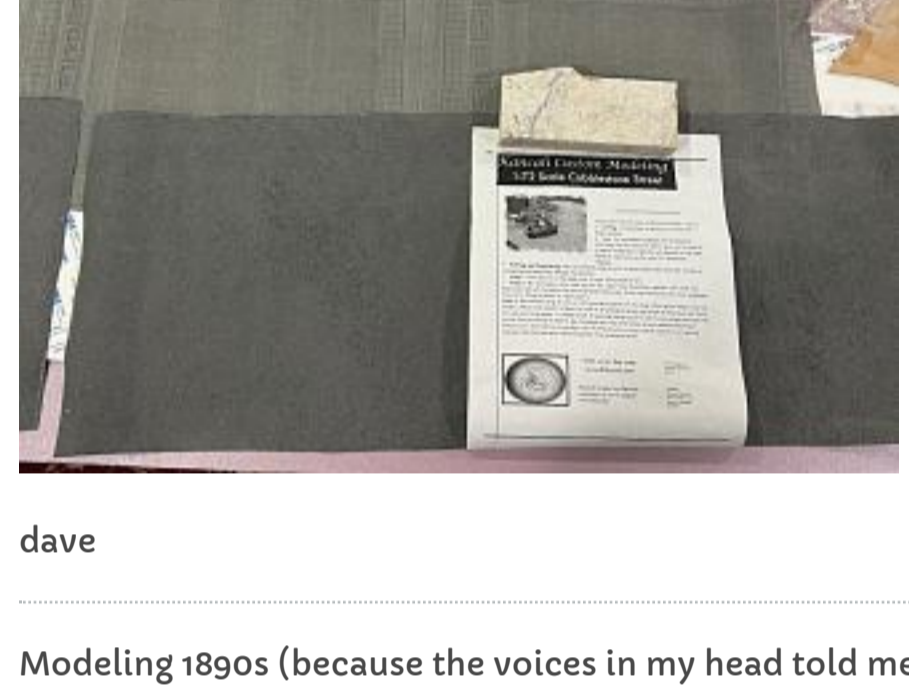
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07-07-2024, 11:08 AM #1312

Mounting tape is due any minute now, but in the meantime I'm working on the road in front of the row houses, etc.



Maybe -20- years ago, I got some vinyl cobblestone (OO scale) sheets, and that's what I'll use for the roads here. A mouse chewed a small hole in one, but I still have enough to cover.



dave

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john_holt commented
07-07-2024, 11:55 AM #1312.1



Pretty tough rodent.....now eating cobblestone.

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07-07-2024, 01:19 PM #1313

More from today:

I'm using CMR sidewalks, but trimming them from 2 pieces wide to 1 piece wide, using the bandsaw. I put masking tape over the top side to prevent chipping. But I needed to build a "zero clearance fence" to handle those thin sheets and get them within 1/4 of the blade:

For the intersection, I'm haven't seen any wide cobblestone material in an "American" pattern, but I have seen some nicely made cobblestone paving done with plaster, spackle, joint compound and air-dry modeling clay.


The cobblestones were made using an old small paint brush. The hairs were pulled out of the ferrule and the metal ferrule it was squeezed into a rectangular shape the size of a cobblestone. That tool pressed the stone shape into the damp plaster. The modeller said it went faster than it sounds and they could easily customize the pattern to follow along side tracks or gutters at the edge of streets.

Here's a link to a 5 minute video of Martin Tärnrot (Marklin of Sweden) making a cobblestone path. He used a roller with a cobblestone pattern on air-dry clay <https://www.modelrailroadacademy.com...e-pat11-017252/>.

The roller is faster than the paintbrush tool but more limited in what it can do.

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dave

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07-07-2024, 02:22 PM #1314

Dave,

Getting caught up on your build thread. I like the colors you chose for the building flats. The corner store is one I really like.

I know your time period calls for cobblestone but the OO scale doesn't look quite right. Your layout though!

Tom

The difference between the almost right word and the right is the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.

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deemery commented
07-07-2024, 02:58 PM #1314.1

The problem is not size, I think, but the pattern. Those arched pattern streets are more common in Europe. But when painted, weathered, and "littered" (equine residue...), it should look OK. And it's in a location that won't be all that easy to see clearly.

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07-07-2024, 02:25 PM #1315

Dave nice job with the sidewalks.

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07-07-2024, 05:53 PM #1316

By the way, that's about 300 sq in of road to pave in this scene. I don't know of another source of large area cobblestone roads, does anyone else know of this? I'm using 3" as the road width.

dave

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07-07-2024, 07:13 PM #1317

Watching that row home scene develop with interest...

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07-08-2024, 06:25 AM #1318

Originally posted by **deemery**

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Dave,

I've used the Chooch product: <https://micromark.com/products/Chooch...cking-HO-Scale>

I've had moderate success. The corners and edges are hard to keep stuck down. Maybe there's a trick I don't know about.

Mike

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07-08-2024, 07:01 AM #1320

Bill and Dave,

I know at least one person on RRL used a method like you describe, Bill, but I can't remember who. Might be an ex-member. Could be worth a search. A Proustian journey into the past (*À la recherche du temps perdu*).

Mike

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