Melding Backdrops

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Preview

- Philosophy
- Rural Scenes
- Urban Scenes
- Trees
- Rock Formations
- Clouds

Two Schools Of Thought

- Background Should NOT Detract From Trains
  - Trains Are Actors

- Create Scene:
  - Background Should Enhance Foreground
  - Strive For Total Scene
  - Lack Of Space Requires Creating Illusion Of Depth

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Rural Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

3-D Foreground Blended Into 1-Dimensional Background

Rural Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

Close-up Of Road In Foreground Blended Into Background

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Rural Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

View Showing Foreground Colors Blended Into Background

Industrial Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

Ed Fulasz's John Mueller Textiles Kitbashed (Flattened)
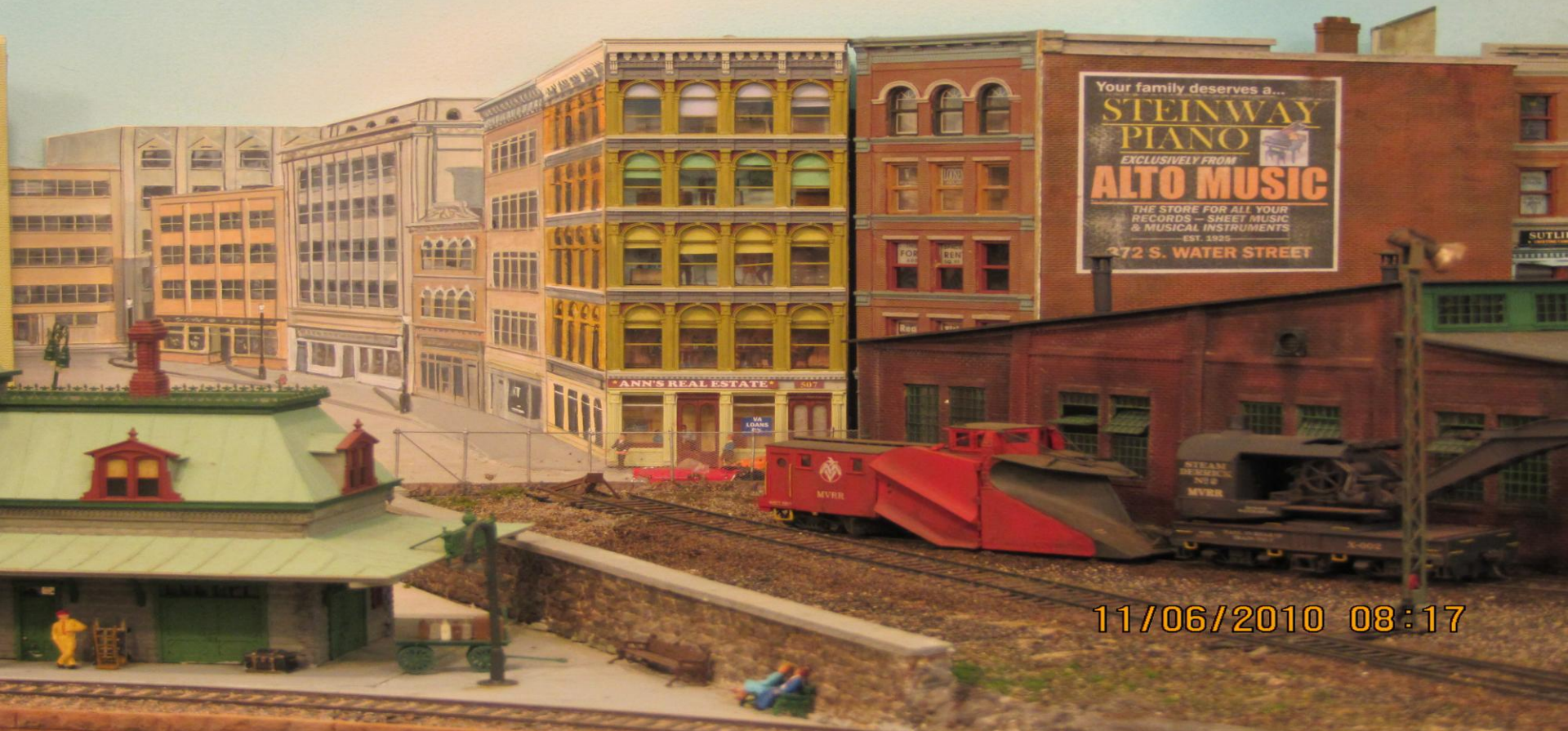
To Serve As Background

Industrial Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

John Mueller Finishing Plant (Walthers Cornerstone Kit)
Flattened To Serve As Background

Industrial Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

Walthers Cornerstone Background Kit

Urban Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

Lack Of Layout Depth Requires Blending Kit Structures
Into Painted Background Buildings

Urban Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

Kitbashed Building Facades

Urban Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

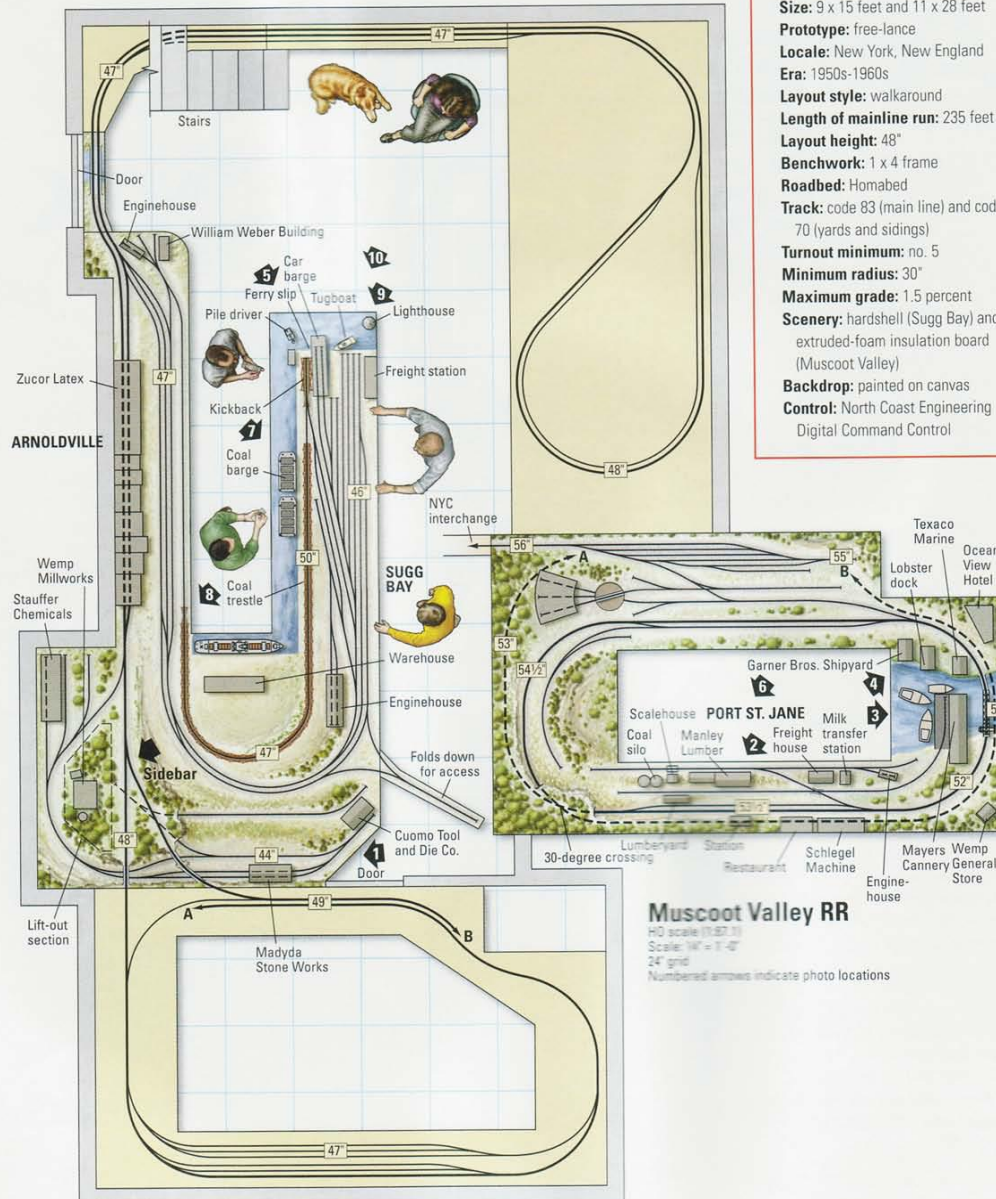Kitbashed Urban Scene Based On an Actual Street
Photographed In Kingston NY

Urban Scene On the Muskoot Valley Railroad

An Available Commercial Background Building

Scene Development

Step By Step

47"

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Stairs

Door

Enginehouse

William Weber Building

5 Car barge

Ferry slip

Pile driver

10

Tugboat **9**

Lighthouse

Kickback

7

Freight station

Zucor Latex

47"

Coal barge

ARNOLDVILLE

46"

NYC interchange

8 Coal trestle

50"

SUGG BAY

48"

Wemp Millworks

Warehouse

Stauffer Chemicals

Enginehouse

Texaco Marine

Lobster dock

Ocean View Hotel

56"

A

55" **B**

53"

54½"

Garner Bros. Shipyard

6

4

50"

Sidebar

Scalehouse

PORT ST. JANE

3

Coal silo

Manley Lumber

Milk transfer station

48"

Folds down for access

1

Cuomo Tool and Die Co.

Door

Freight house **2**

52"

44"

Lift-out section

A

49"

B

Madyda Stone Works

30-degree crossing

Lumberyard

Station

Schlegel Machine

Mayers Cannery

Wemp General Store

Restaurant

Enginehouse

Muscoot Valley RR
HO scale (1:87.1)
Scale: ¼" = 1'-0"
24" grid
Numbered arrows indicate photo locations

47"

Illustration by Rick Johnson

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Scene Development – Step By Step

Problem: Track Is Only One Inch In Front Of Backdrop

Scene Development – Step By Step

Clouds On Backdrop

Heavy Paper Curved At Corners

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Scene Development – Step By Step

Benefit Of Visiting Other Layouts:

Trees Are Photographs Glued To Backdrop

Scene Development – Step By Step

Problem: Transition From Back To Left Side

Scene Development – Step By Step

Solution: Rock Castings (Bragdon Resin Castings)

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Scene Development – Step By Step

Trees Added To Blend Scenery In Front Into Background

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Scene Development – Step By Step

Foliage Added To Scene

Scene Development – Step By Step

Overall Effect Of Scenery

Scene Development – Step By Step

Structure Added To Increase Illusion Of Depth

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Scene Development – Step By Step

Now the Development Of the Right Side

Scene Development – Step By Step

Coloring Of the Resin Rock Casting

Scene Development – Step By Step

Extension Of the Rock Castings

Scene Development – Step By Step

Temporary Placement Of Structures

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Scene Development – Step By Step

Placement Of Trees

Scene Development – Step By Step

Overview Of Right Side

Scene Development – Step By Step

Dark Green Acrylic Paint On Backdrop

Scene Development – Step By Step

Trees Added To Create Illusion Of Depth

Scene Development – Step By Step

Overview Of Right Side With Structures

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Scene Development – Step By Step

Commercial Background Building In Front Of Backdrop

Commercial Scenery Products

Scenery Express Super Trees Afford Flexibility In Placement

Commercial Scenery Products

Commercial Hair Spray Or 3M Adhesive

Commercial Scenery Products

Woodland Scenics Coarse Foliage Offers Variety Of Colors

Commercial Scenery Products

Noch Tree Leaf Products Provide Realistic Mix

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Scene Development – Step By Step

Sample Scene Showing Versatility Of Scenery Products

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Scene Development – Step By Step

View Of Foreground Scenery Blended Into Background

Last But NOT Least

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Arguably the Best Scene On The Muskoot Valley RR

Background Scene That Draws the Most Comments

Is the Simplest – Just Water and Sky!