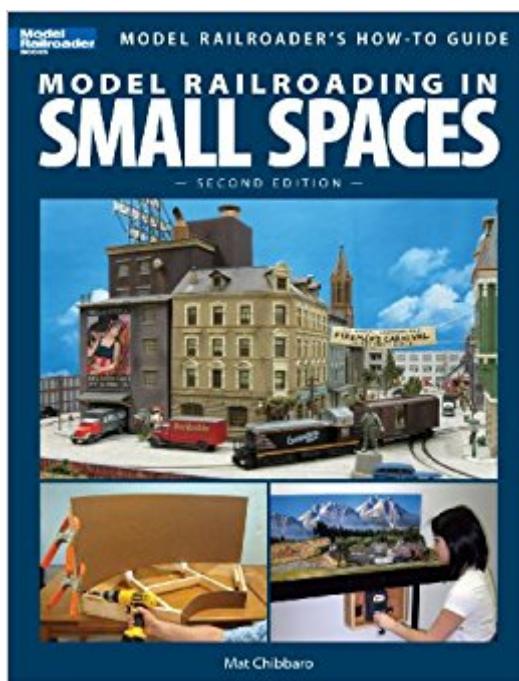


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Model Railroading In Small Spaces, Second Edition (Model Railroader's How-To Guides)



Synopsis

If you have a limited space for your layout, here's the answer! This completely revised edition of Model Railroading in Small Spaces provides a variety of creative approaches for building compact layouts. It covers how to build seven different layouts encompassing portable, shelf, coffee table, and fold-up styles. Three of the layouts are new, plus the book includes a new chapter on advanced techniques. N and HO scale railroads are modeled, as is one O scale shelf layout.

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Customer Reviews

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Two things are important when you have little space to put a model railroad in. A) A smart way to use the space you have or a smart way to dis-assemble and store the layout. B) how to get a lot of "train action" in a small space. The latter, meaning interesting track plans, is where this book is

weak and doesn't satisfy. Model Railroading in Small Spaces may have been written a long time ago, because there is no reference to z scale (1:220) which is a great way to get a lot of "train action" in a small space and came out in 1972. There is also no reference to wiring for digital or light weight composite material (honeycomb). The feel of the book is that of assembled from magazine articles. Pictures are all in black and white, the diagrams and descriptions seem to be enough to build the layouts and some of the chapters spend more time on landscaping than others. The latter seems redundant and off topic to me and should be limited to only one sentence: Don't make your mountains too high. This book did not fulfill my needs and as you may have guessed. There is no reference to the modern layout or module building materials/styles (insulating foam, honeycomb core, I-beam etc) and none to wiring for digital (which may be so easy that no mention needs to be made) Maybe this book should be re-titled or rewritten. How about: Decades old Ideas on Space Saving Model Railroad Carpentry.... too long you say? Guess they will just have to rewrite it.

Most plans books give you only plans that look like christmas tree train sets, these look like a real modeled model railroad layout, most are diaramas which are functional model railroads !!!

Good ideas and illustrations

Great book for those of us who don't have the room for larger layouts. Well written, great photos and illustrations, and many wonderful tips.

Upon the first reading I felt it stresses more on construction details of the base structure rather than on "small spaces". The layout designs in itself are on beginners level, not much innovative. Maybe I misunderstood the purpose of the book.

I was somewhat disappointed in the contents of this booklet. Although there were some tips for small spaces, I would have liked more information on small HO layouts for tables less than 4 by 8 feet. Most of the content dealt with N gauge, not HO.

I was hoping for something like an update of Carendt book and was mistaken. Useful for guiding the absolute beginner looking for a tailchaser.

Good info. In this book for modelers with not much room to build a model railroad. FAB

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