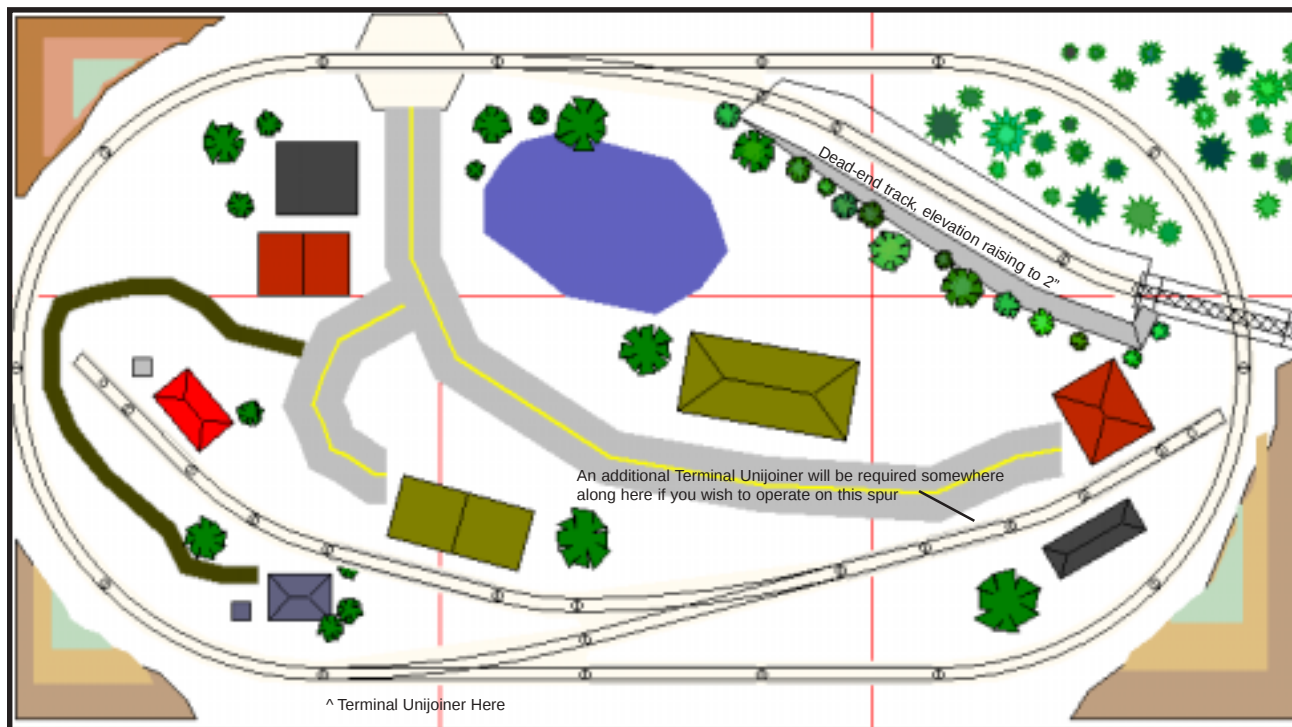


# The Tabletop Shortline

N Scale



Scenery as shown is suggestion only.

You're right. This is a very simple N scale layout. But with its **compact 20" X 36"** size, this would be an excellent layout to build on (or, possibly, *inside*) of a small living room coffee table. Please note that you may need to adjust the length and/or width of the plan to fit the table you're using but this drawing should help get you started. Bring your model railroad into the room while entertaining family and friends!

## Operating The Layout

The proper placement of the second Terminal Unijoiner is critical if you want to run your locomotive onto the inside spur tracks to spot a piece of rolling stock at a trackside industry or collect passengers at the depot. If you wish to run the loco only up the spur track to the right, the Terminal Unijoiner is not required.

We all like to see our railroads "go somewhere," or to at least have the illusion of going somewhere. This is the reason for the dead-end track in the upper right of the plan. You'll never run your train onto this track but at least the diverging line let's us think there are bigger operations down the rails other than just what we see. Be sure to build up the landscape between turnout and bridge so that there is enough clearance under the bridge for your train to pass below. Please note, you may need to trim the corner of the Deck Girder Bridge as it butts against the side of the table.

Because of the tight, compact 8" curves, you'll want to run short wheelbase locomotives. If you run longer engines, be sure that the couplers are long enough to clear the corner of the model as it rounds the bend to prevent derailments. A single unit RDC (Rail Diesel Car), trolley or tram would also be right at home on this layout.

## Material Required (pieces)

- (1) #20-010 186mm Straight Track
- (4) #20-020 124mm Straight Track
- (1) #20-021 124mm Road Crossing
- (4) #20-040 62mm Straight Track
- (2) #20-048 Bumper Track
- (2) #20-202 Electric Turnout #6 Right
- (1) #20-203 Electric Turnout #6 Left
- (8) #20-170 R218mm-45degree Curved Track
- (6) #20-171 R218-15degree Curved Track
- (1) #20-46X 124mm Deck Girder Bridge
- (1) #24-818 Terminal Unijoiner, (2) if necessary for operations
- (1) #24-843 Adapter Cord

> To operate spur track turnouts electrically, (2) #24-840 Turnout Control Switches and (1) DC Converter required.  
 > #20-010 and #20-171 is sold in packages of 4 pieces. You will have pieces left over.