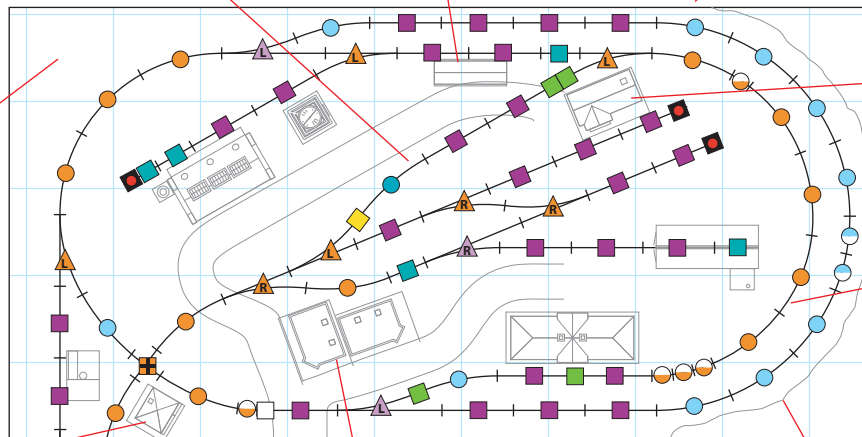


Two railroads can easily interchange equipment along this segment of track. Install a command-control system on the layout and you'll eliminate the need to install independent electrical blocks

EAST VALLEY

This commuter depot along the New York Central main line provides a place for passengers to transfer to B&O trains (via the B&O passenger/freight depot) heading beyond the cozy confines of Black River

Tempting as it may be to move this side of the layout against a wall, you'll need to leave a bit of space to access the track switches. No matter how well you install your trackwork, derailments can occur in remote locations



Add dimension to the layout by stacking and shaping cutout foam board into a gentle hillside

B&O depot and siding

The curved passing siding (O-45) doubles as a place to park a commuter train or a switch engine used for local switching or industry service

BLACK RIVER JUNCTION

From his perch in the tower, the B&O operator controls the action in the yard and across the busy crossing

BLACK RIVER

This railroad town is small yet mighty. It hosts New York Central and B&O railroad operations, not to mention traffic that arrives and departs to the river and roads

The Black River doesn't have to occupy much space on the layout. Simply lay a narrow strip of tinted Plexiglas on the plywood tabletop, and then cover the area with foam insulation board. Cut out the foam covering the acrylic sheet to expose the riverbed

This narrow section of the layout doesn't require scenery. It can even be built to detach and store under the main layout when not in use