

Do You Know How...



...to
build
from
scratch?

Mike Ingham runs his 'kit bashed' coaches on Mike Hughes loft layout

Mike Ingham describes how he scratch builds rolling stock.

Railway or Railroad modelling is a very broad church and offers opportunities to hone ones skills in electronics, track laying, scenery construction and scratch building of rolling stock and buildings.

My own interest is in rolling stock construction in various materials. I've had good results with scale wood, styrene and various types of artist's board. Over the years I've collected all sorts of tools but really all that is needed is a good set of very sharp knives, a small square, tweezers and a straight edge for the main body construction and a few different types of pliers and small drills for forming the metal items such as hand holds and railings.

Modern acrylics have simplified painting and enable good results to be obtained from brushing but an air brush is a very good investment as ones skill grows.

Parts such as couplers, trucks and decals are readily obtainable from most dealers at the various NMRA meets or by mail order from these dealers. Attend one of the scratch building clinics that are held at the meets and get ready to put a foot in the water

Give it a try, it's a very nice feeling to see your first hand built car running on your own layout.

NMRA members have experience and expertise in all aspects of modelling, especially North American railroads.

As a member you can share that accumulated know-how.



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