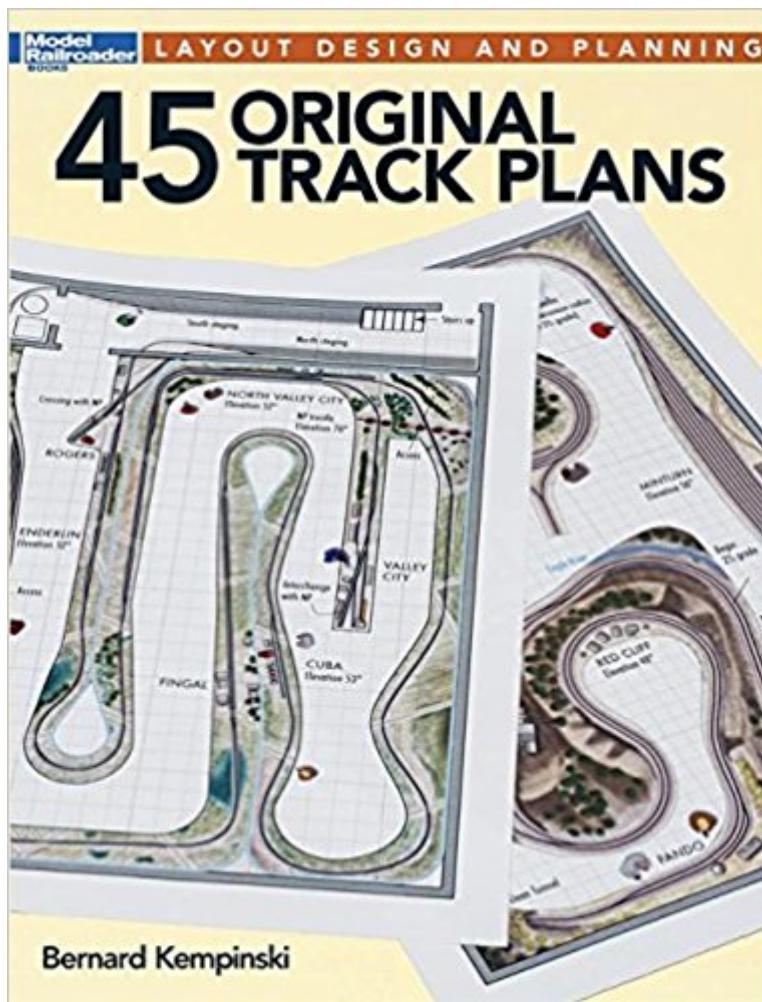


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# 45 Original Track Plans (Model Railroader)



## Synopsis

This book features 45 original track plans created by respected author Bernard Kempinski. None of these track plans have been published before, so modelers will get an exclusive look at all-new material. Plans include: A variety of scales, including HO, N, S, and O, a variety of portrayed locations, with many from the east coast of the United States, and room-sized plans to those that fill a basement or garage.

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## Customer Reviews

I always enjoy Bernie's books. This is the 2nd one of these I bought since my first got something spilled on it and it was ruined. I like looking at Bernie's plans because of their prototype inspiration as well as how he puts together those elements into an operations oriented model railroad.

This review is based on what I was hoping for versus what model railroaders may be looking for. To me, there has been a dire shortage of layout designs that feature continuous run planning with some thoughtful scenery potential. Probably the most successful book in this genre was the original "101 Track Plans" by Linn Westcott. However, in Mr. Kempinski's compilation of layout plans, it seemed way too many plans in the beginning were devoted to diorama concepts rather than running trains. (I'm sorry... a straight track with two stub tangents is not a layout. It's a display piece) There is also an abundance of point-to-point industrial switching plans. Whereas I can see modelers

enjoying creating a well-executed "snapshot" layout in scaled 3D or immersing themselves in "real railroad" practices, it's just not my thing. I must be in the minority as publications seem to target "serious" realistic modelers, not someone who enjoys a well-executed layout that if you wanted to step back and watch the trains run, you can. I just wish there were more designers approaching layout planning with this old school sensibility utilizing what to me is manageable size (one car garage) and, as already stated, continuous running with some interesting car storage and switching ability. The publication quality of "45 Original Track Plans" is fine and, as others have stated, well-written. I just wish I could find plan books that suit my needs better.

A good book to get ideas from for a new layout or adding to an existing one, which I'm doing. You can use it for any scale to get ideas from.

Whether you need inspiration for a small layout or a building filling layout, this book will definitely whet your appetite!

very helpful

Kinda dull. Something about the computer assisted renderings takes a lot away from the track plans. Maybe I've just been spoiled by fifty years of the previous track plans from Model Railroader.

Disappointed w/ this book, for it doesn't break any new grounds, nor offer any useful track planning ideas - at least for me. Some of the track plan themes are actually quite silly, and I don't expect that they would ever get built by anyone who's a serious model railroader. Not one of Kalmbach's better efforts by a long shot. Save your money and look elsewhere.

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