

Title: **Great Model Railroads Volume 45**

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This review was an easy one for me. I have been a fan of Bob Lawson's work since the first time I saw his work at an NMRA contest. His execution of layout building is as near to perfection as you can get. This video proves it.

Bob has mastered the art of layout building and is willing to share his expertise with anyone who will listen. It is obvious that his love for the hobby developed at an early age, and continued while he worked at the SOUTHERN RAILROAD as a freight car designer.

He builds a lot of dioramas, and then places them on his layout. If need be, they can be moved to another location on his layout without doing much damage. It's hard to tell where each diorama begins or ends. They all blend into the total scenery.

The video shows several of his techniques. He fully explains the following subjects:

- How to weather a freight car with oil paints.
- Making a foam base for a diorama, the easy way.
- Using cloth, covered with ground foam, to fill in open areas.

Although not shown in the video, Bob has mastered the art of scratchbuilding structures. He demonstrated this at one of our past meetings. He said that the main thing is to have a general knowledge of the buildings in your time period and how they looked. Many buildings had additions built on that made them even more interesting.

I highly recommend this video, and give it a **10**.

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