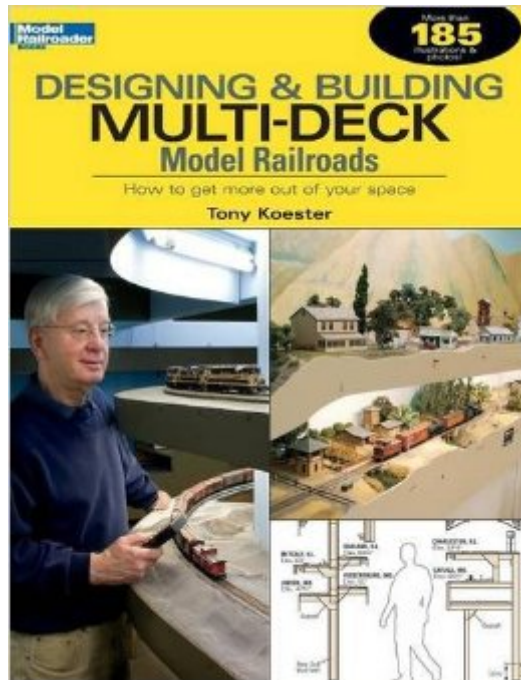


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# Designing & Building Multi-Deck Model Railroads (Model Railroader)



## Synopsis

Acquire more space and longer towns and runs with multiple decks. Tony Koester walks you through design, options, lighting and wiring considerations, the where and when sequence, as well as the all-important construction techniques.

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I'm hoping to get a house soon so that I can start building my first model railroad and I know that no matter what the space is like I'll be looking at constructing one with multi-decks. The author talks at length about designing the space for Operating Sessions, and for good reason. Even though I'm not in to doing all the time table stuff he is, some of the same issues apply - like making sure that there's enough room for people to work switches and such. Many of the photos show how good lighting makes a difference. And rather than just scratching the surface of many important topics, the author dives right in. It seems like most of the topics that should be covered in this book are. Which is something I can't say for a lot of MR books that I've read. Overall I'm very pleased with this book.

Not nearly enough directions to accomplish the things you want to do. Lot's of pictures not much substance.

I purchased this book thinking it would provide all the information needed to build a multi-deck layout. I was specifically looking for construction techniques for both shelved and table layouts. It's included but I wish there Chapter 8 was longer and had more information. I was surprised at Chapters 1 and 2 - they aren't really needed.

I needed this information and I read the book from cover to cover in 2 days. Then went back and highlighted the select information that I needed.

This is one of the most insightful and helpful books I have read on the subject of layout planning. Focusing on several layers or levels in creating a model railroad, Koester gets into many related topics and discussions. After first borrowing the book through my public library and realizing how helpful it would be, I purchased the book for myself. It's now with my brother, who is in the process of creating layout space in his basement. I highly recommend this book!

This a great book full of information and ideas for model railroaders .I read it last night and will read it again easy to understand and explains multi-deck layout designs and several ways to do it. If your thinking of building a new layout or considering expanding or redoing your present layout buy this book and give it a read you'll not regret it!!

It has helped me to understand one way to build a multi deck layout track and how to get the trains from one train track to another. I'm very excited about getting started, but would appreciate even more information of the layout and construction of a multi-deck layout.

Frankly, I was very disappointed in this book. It should be called "Double-Deck" instead of "Multi-Deck" unless one considers a "ramp" from the lower level to the upper level to be "multi." I suppose if one is hell-bent to get as much layout in a particular square feet of FLOOR space as possible, he could build two, three, or even more levels right over the ones below. But, no railroad in the world does that, with the possible exception of the Chicago "El" (or other big-city elevated railroads) where it passes over BNSF or other railroad's tracks. Therefore, this book should be limited to one chapter: "How to Build a Helix or Ramp to Take Trains from One Deck to the Next."Northlandz in New Jersey has many spectacular "decks" - but they have a believable continuity. The information in this book would produce a layout like one would see by riding a miniature elevator up with a different model train layout in every "floor." If that is what you want, fine.

If you want a believable multi-level railroad, you would be better off with "How to Build Model Railroad Benchwork" by Linn H. Westcott.

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