

The Station at Gull Pond

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This is a generic G-scale station. Yes, there was a real Gull Pond station on the old Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes. It was a small flag stop with a siding, which is all the information I can find. So, this is a station with features that were commonly found in other stations in rural New England. The interior is not shown in this plan set. It will be in the next set, along with seats, stove, baggage cart, lights, and station-master's office.

CONSTRUCTION

The model can be built from materials available in many hobby shops and building-supply centers. Stripwood can be cut on a table saw and plywood shapes can be cut on a

Begin construction by cutting out two ends and two sides from V8"-thick plywood. Make up two ends, a back side, and a front side, with windows cut as shown on the plan. From 3/4" stock, cut about two feet of V2" square material. With a table saw, cut grooves in this material as shown in the cross section. Cut four pieces, each 5" long. Make or purchase some V4" stock, at least 2V4" wide. Cut two pieces, each V4" x 2V4" x 133/4", to form the overhangs. Cut four pieces, each V4" x 2V4" x 185/8", with one end beveled 45°. Also, cut a piece of V4" sq. to a length of V4". Glue V32"-thick x V4"-spaced scribed wood to the outside surface of the sides and ends. Cut the window openings after the glue has set. Now assemble the station as shown on the plan.

Cut two pieces of 1/8"-thick plywood, 7" x 14". Also cut two pieces of 3/16"-sq. x 61/4"-long stripwood. These will make the roof and should be glued in place now. There will be a gap in the 3/16"-sq. stock at the top center of the roof. This is for the clock tower, which should be made next. When the tower is done, glue it in place. Make the bay window from 1/8" plywood and 1/4"-sq. stock. Sheath the plywood with scribed wood in the same way as the main body of the station. Once the glue has set, glue the bay to the front of the station and the overhang. Now glue 1/8" x 1/4" stripwood under the eaves.

Cut, fit, and glue 1/8"-sq. sills under all of the windows. Using 1/6" x 1/4" stripwood, cut, fit, and glue the trim around all the windows. Using stripwood and 1/32"-thick plywood, make two doors. Glue these in place when done.

At this juncture, seal the building with clear, spray lacquer and prime both the interior and the exterior flat white (leave the roof exterior unpainted). When dry, paint the building with the colors of your choice. Use exteriorgrade trim paint if you intend to leave the building out in the weather.

Now shingle the roof. Cut about thirty 1" \times 15" strips of dark gray poster board. Stack these together and saw slits in them at 1" intervals. Saw about halfway through the stack. These will be your shingles. Glue the shingles in place with Titebond II, beginning at the bottom edge. When the roof is done and the glue has dried at least 24 hours, brush on one coat of thinned exterior varnish. Allow this to dry and repeat the process. This will saturate and seal the shingles, making them wholly weatherproof.

Now make up the smokestack, sign boards, and angle braces. Prefinish each before gluing it firmly in place. Cut out the clock faces and glue them in place. Seal them with thinned varnish as you did the roof. Now, overspray the whole structure with satin-finish varnish. Allow it to dry at least 24 hours.

Make up the individual window eashes. Begin by sealing and prepainting the stripwood and other sash materials. Cut out .020"- to .030"-thick clear plastic to the dimensions called out on the plan. Cut the sash materials to size and glue to one side of the clear plastic windows. Fit and glue the bottom sashes in place first. These will be flush with the interior wall. When the glue has dried, fit and glue the top sashes in place. These overlap the bottom sashes on the outside. When this has been done, the exterior of the station at Gull Pond is complete. \bullet

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