

**Depots** are located along sidings where passenger trains can wait for riders without blocking the main line.

Tunnel portal

**A control panel** may be located within the aisle or outside the perimeter if the table does not fill up the entire room.

**A long retaining wall** supports the track that climbs to the mountain village. You can use craft paper (sceneryexpress.com) glued to foam or wood to make a simple wall for elevated track.

Water tower

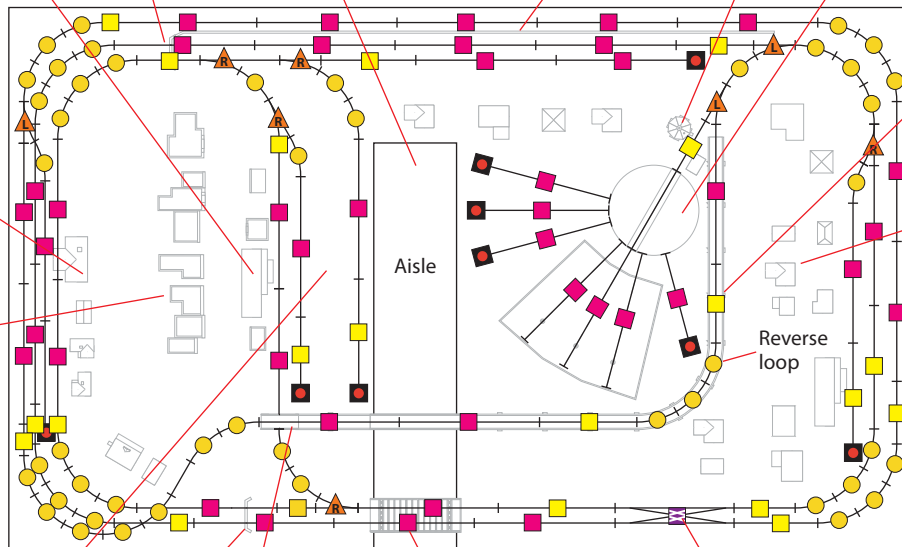
Atlas O no. 6904 3-stall roundhouse and no. 6910 turntable

## MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

In order to clear the main line that runs beneath it, the tracks at this mountaintop community must rise no less than 5½ inches above the layout surface.

## CITY

Two or more populated areas, such as this small urban center, give a model train layout a purpose by providing logical destinations for passengers and freight. Small details (parking meters, construction workers, cars and trucks, etc.) help bring the scene to life.



Lionel no. 12754 graduated trestle set

## TOWN

Visitors to a model railroad always seem to enjoy scenes of everyday life in a small town: a man mowing his lawn, watched by his dog on the porch; a child with her puppy in a wagon; and even wildlife investigating a stinky garbage can. These, along with many other figures, critters, and details, can be purchased from Arttista Accessories (arttista.com).

## The Industrial area

includes two widely spaced sidings. They provide plenty of room for large operating accessories, such as log and coal loaders, an oil terminal, and manufacturing facilities.

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Girder bridge, 10 inches long

**Lift-out bridges and drop-down hatches** allow you to reach all areas of the layout. For help constructing these special layout features, you'll want to read my recent articles "Build lift-out sections" (CTT, December 2006, page 52) and "How to hide access hatches" (CTT, November 2005, page 70).

**A Ross no. 175 double crossover** is an optional component added to provide greater flexibility in operation and quicker access between the inner and outer main lines.