BUILD YOUR OWN ROLLING STOCK
HOW TO PRINT THE FULL-SIZE DRAWINGS:

1. Using Adobe Reader, click on the printer icon at the top of the window. A box will appear with settings. Note the window at the right side of the box showing dotted lines (tiling) on the sheet to be printed.

2. Under “Page Sizing & Handling,” make sure the “Poster” option is selected. This will tile the pages for printing.

3. If you’d like your plans to print full size, make sure “Tile Scale” is set to 100%. If you’d like to print your plans to a different scale, then enter the percentage of enlargement or reduction in the “Tile Scale” box.

4. “Overlap” should be set to 0.000 inches.

5. Check the “Cut marks” box. This will print the cut marks onto the pages. With an X-acto knife and a straightedge, you can use these cut marks to trim off the excess paper. When the excess paper has been trimmed from all the sheets, the edges can be perfectly matched up and the sheets taped together into a single drawing.

6. Click “Print.” The plan will be printed out on multiple sheets of 8-1/2” x 11” paper that you can then combine into single plan sheets.
Scale conversion chart

It can be frustrating and confusing when you’re working in one scale but the plans from which you’re working are in another. The chart below will tell you at what percentage the plans should be enlarged or reduced to suit your scale.

The scale in which you’re working can be found in the top row. The scale the plans are in are listed in the left-hand column. Simply find the your scale and the scale of the plans. The box that intersects both will tell you the correct percentage. Yellow indicates a reduction in size, while green tells you to enlarge the plans to the specified percentage.

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This is a generic ¾" scale pulpwood car. It is based on cars built for the S.D. Warren Company and has features found in those 2" gauge cars. The model is 1½" long x 1½" wide. This scales out to a car that is 17" long, which is a typical dimensions for cars used by industrial railroads.

Construction
This model can be built from materials available in many hobby shops and building supply stores, or you can cut your own wood on a table saw. Begin construction with the wood parts. Pre-stain them with thinned, mix oil paint before gluing them together. From ½" plywood, cut a piece 4" x 13½". Cut ½" x ½"notches at each end where the stakes will fit. Make the framing parts from stripwood. Glue these wood parts together over the plans (see the bottom view). Paint the top of the car with ½" x ½" x 5" strips. Cut the notches for the stakes before gluing the planks in place. Assemble the brake wheel, paint it black, and glue it in place. Drill ½"-diameter holes for the cotter pins, but do not put the pins until the trucks are installed. Now make the wood frames for a pair of trucks. Again, pre-stain these parts with thinned, mix oil paint before gluing them together. Mark the location of the journals on the bottom of each frame. Drill each journal with a ½" diameter bit measured in a pin view. Paint the wheels oxide red. Fit the journals onto the ends of the axles. Locate and glue the journals in place with the wheels installed. Cut eight pieces of chain, each 1" long, and fit a cotter pin at each end. Fit the center pins into the holes in the trucks and the frame. Mount the trucks with 4½ x ½" screws. Finally, mount couplers of your choice (small #789 are recommended).

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For those not possessed of the energy or equipment, a complete set of wood and metal parts (including wheelsets, but not couplers) for the pulpwood car is available for $34.35. Order from Northeast Narrow Gauge, PO Box 191, Wiscasset, ME 04578.

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1:20-scale skeleton log car
by Ted Stinson | Wiscasset, Maine

This is a generic, 1:20-scale skeleton log car. It has features commonly found in many narrow-gauge cars of this type. The model is 18½" long x 9½" wide. This scales out to a car that is 22" long, which is typical for these cars.

Construction

This model can be built from materials available at many hobby shops and building-supply stores. Alternatively, the stripwood can be cut on a table saw. Begin construction by cutting out the wood parts. Pre-drill these parts with a #2 Phillips screwdriver bit. Glue the wood parts together over the plans. Drill 1/8" diameter holes where indicated. Assemble the brake cylinder, secure it with brads, and glue it in place.

Now add the metal parts. These should be pre-painted before placing them in place. The 3/16" x 1/2" brass strap for the metal straps. Center pins are the 1/16" x 1/2" pin and the nuts are #2 pin. Finish the log car with trucks and couplers of your choice, painted olive drab.

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For those not proficient in the use of equipment, a straightforward set of wood and metal parts (less trucks and couplers) for the log car is available for $24.00 + $5 ship. Order from Northeast Narrow Gauge, PO Box 316, Wiscasset ME 04581. 

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