

BOOK REVIEW

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Model Railroad Structures
From A to Z

by Wayne & Mary Cay Wesolowski

This book was first printed in 1984 with very few copies being produced. So, a lot of folks missed out on a highly valuable modeling resource.

It has been updated and is now contains even more information for structure building. There are 13 chapters in this book. To start off, Wayne gives you some good ideas on scratch building, research and planning for the type of structures you want to model.

He then follows with various chapters dealing with wood, carstock and plaster. In the wood chapter, he talks about picking the right type of wood, selecting and storing, glues, cutting and construction techniques. He then shows how to build two specific types of buildings, a simple drainage bridge and the Schulz Brothers Icehouse.

The next chapter covers working with card stock and paper along with several neat projects. Then on to working with plaster. There's a good section on plaster pattern making.

Finally a great chapter of making your own molds out of either RTV, silicone or latex. The two attached projects cover a simple highway bridge and a cast brick chimney.

This book is a great place to start if you want

to get into building your own structures. I highly recommend it.

This 8 1/2 x 11 inch book is 100 pages (from cover to cover) with both color/black and white photographs. It is priced at \$15.95 plus \$6.00 p&h from Carstens Publications, PO Box 700, Newton, NJ 07860-0700 or 1-888-526-5365 or fax your order to 1-973-383-4064 or www.carstens-publications.com

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