



Lionel display comes to life

This 8-by-8 layout has action on two levels

MANY TOY TRAIN enthusiasts want more than just an interesting track plan for their home layout. They look for something with history and a bit of a "pedigree."

For many hobbyists, the answer to what they're looking for is one of the layouts that Lionel built during the postwar decades for department stores or hobby shops to display. Rather than buy an original, which can be very expensive, these enthusiasts build their own version of a Lionel display layout.

One of the most exciting of these classic O gauge layouts was no. D-106, which Lionel's display department designed and built in quantities for the holiday season of 1953. This 8-by-8-foot railroad, like other Lionel display layouts, featured a neat track plan and plenty of operating accessories for hour after hour of unbeatable action.

One of the best parts of this display layout is its versatility. For example, Lionel designed it to have two levels. A pair of trains ran on the lower level, and another one operated on the upper level.

You can build your D-106 this way, or you can omit the upper level and add another accessory or two or perhaps some scenery to the area that is otherwise hidden by the upper level.

Similarly, you are free to substitute different accessories for those that Lionel installed. Page through a postwar catalog or a recent one, and you'll discover freight loaders, signals, stations, and more that will look great. Always, the key is to have fun!

Lionel offered the 8-by-8-foot no. D-106 layout, complete with track, accessories, and a transformer, for the holiday season of 1953.

The track plan that was created by Lionel's display department for its no. D-106 layout features some of the company's finest operating accessories of the postwar period. This plan will help you build your own version of a classic O gauge layout.

O gauge tubular track (K-Line or Lionel)

Curved sections, 0-31 (29)
Straight sections (50)
Half-straight sections (3)
Uncoupling sections (3)

Left-hand remote-control switches, 0-31 (2)

Right-hand remote-control switch, 0-31

Postwar Lionel accessories

- 71 Lamp posts (5)
- 132 Passenger station
- 145 Automatic gateman
- 151 Semaphore
- 153 Automatic block signal
- 154 Automatic highway signal
- 252 Crossing gate
- 260 Bumper
- 317 Trestle bridge
- 356 Operating freight station
- 362 Barrel loader
- 364 Conveyor lumber loader
- 394 Rotary beacon
- 397 Diesel-type coal loader
- 445 Operating switch tower
- 450 Operating signal bridge
- 455 Oil derrick
- 3462P Milk car platform
- 3656 Operating stockyard
- ZW Transformer

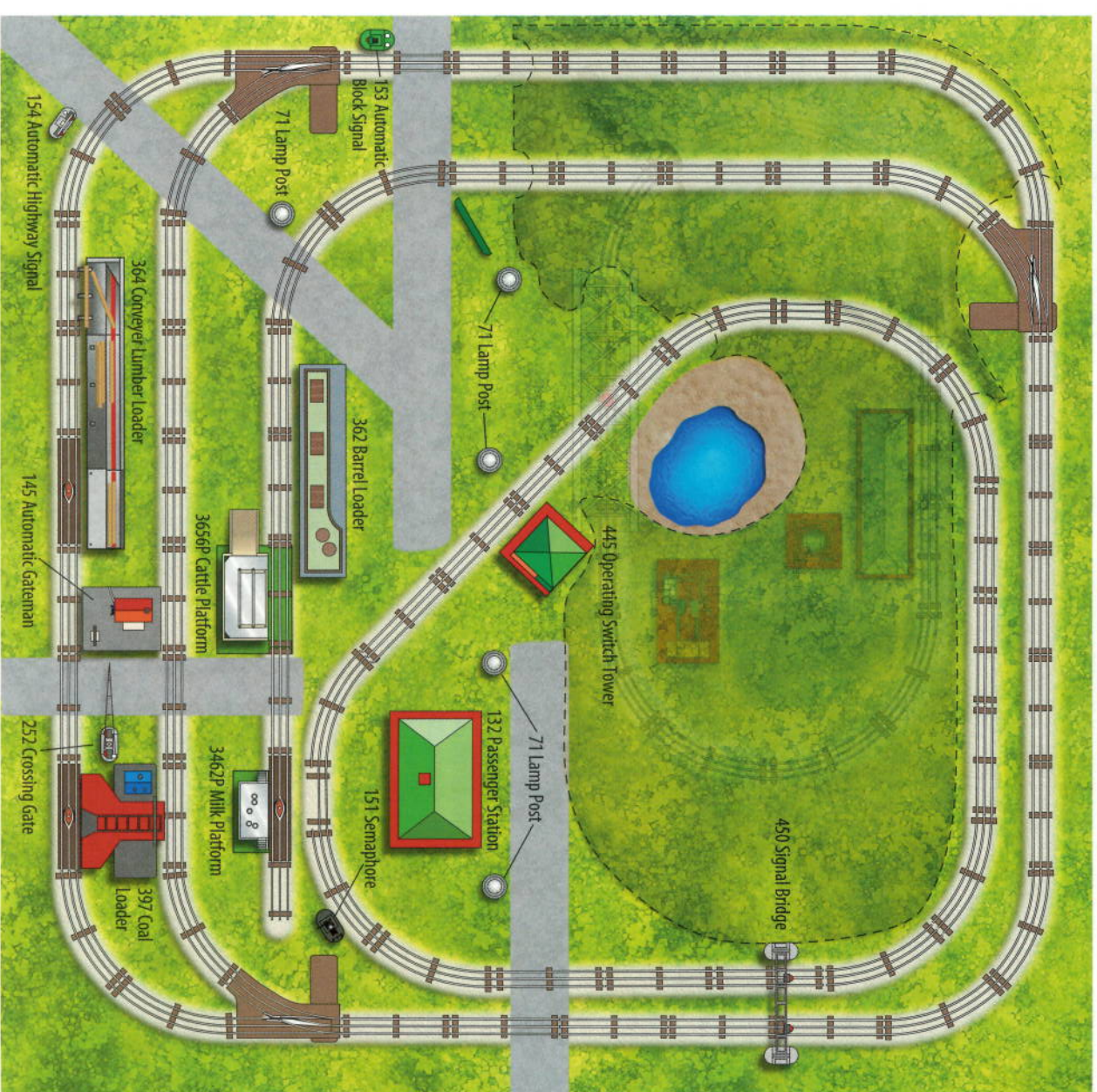
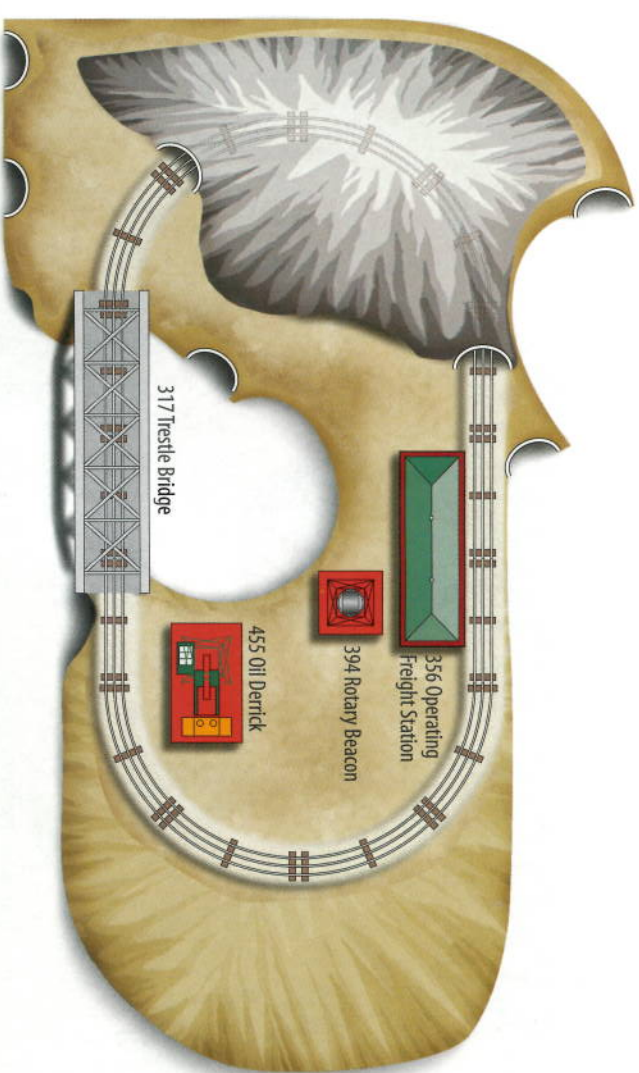
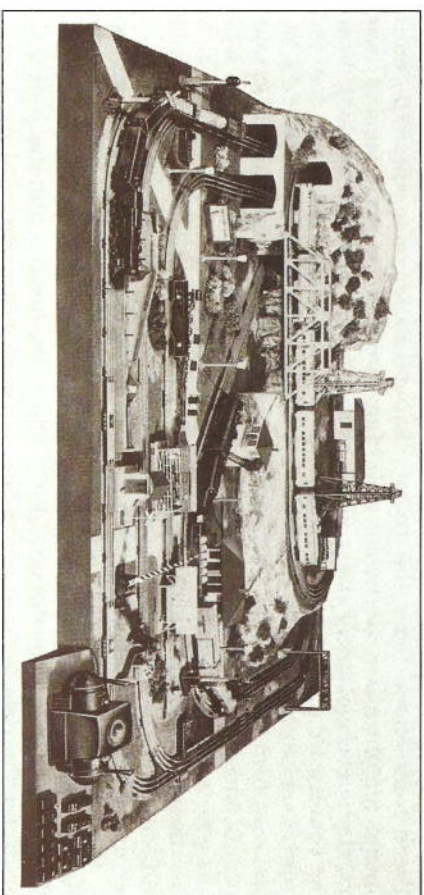


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