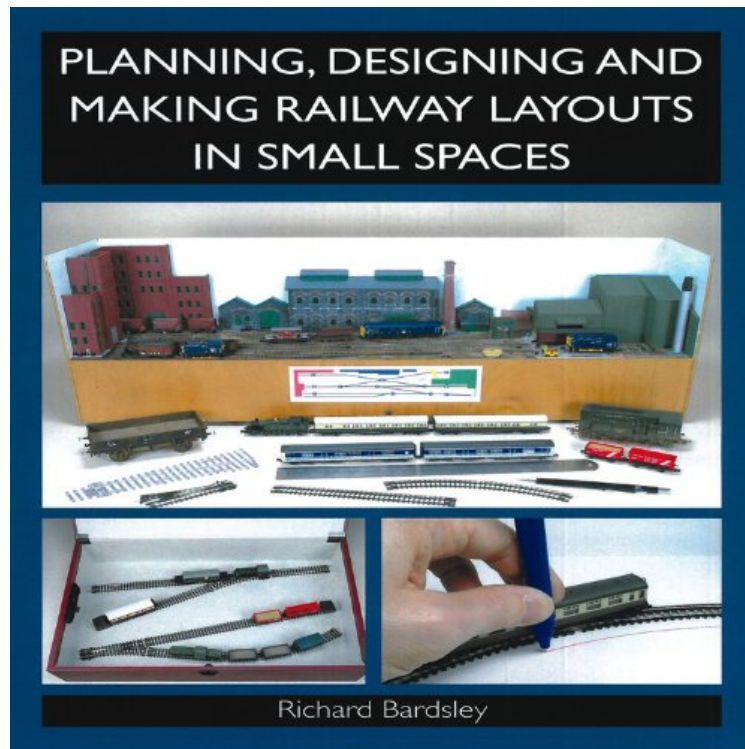


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and turnouts as well as track design elements such as head shunts, kickback sidings and run-round loops. There are individual chapters on: potential spaces design principles basic layout shape the art of compromise levels, layers and shelves planning your layout baseboards classic designs and micro-layouts.

About the Author Richard Bardsley is an experienced small-layout builder in N gauge and 00 gauge, and several of his model railways have been exhibited at shows. He has written over fifty articles in the model railway press, many of which have dealt with designing and planning small-space layouts. For over twelve years Richard has been the editor of the bimonthly N Gauge Society Journal, as well as being a member of the Society's management committee. He demonstrates and promotes N gauge model railways at shows and also designs and produces his own N gauge wagons kits.