



Carolina Connection

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- Style: Freelanced industrial/urban setting
- Era: Still narrowing it down, but most of the motive power is early generation diesels
- Scale: HO
- Size: 14' x 14' donut in a second-floor 19' x 19' loft
- % Completed: 80% (track work is 98% complete)
- % Scenery: 80% (80% ballasted track and 80% of all desired buildings are in place)
- Control: MRC Prodigy Advanced² DCC with wireless

The layout is an “off the walls” donut configuration allowing for viewing and operating from the outside and the inside (via a lift gate on one end). I did not have any particular location or railroad in mind when I designed the layout. My primary goal was to have four design elements: 1) a freight/classification yard, 2) an industrial switching area, 3) a steel mill, and 4) an urban passenger station scene. The two main sections of the layout have backdrop

dividers down the middle which results in the depth of each scene being only 18 to 24 inches for easy reach during operations. There are no elevation changes on the layout but the mainline makes three loops around without passing through the same design element more than once. The four-axle early generation diesels I have been acquiring are in Southern and N&W livery, so the future background story to be written for the layout will be around those two railroads operating in the same area of the Carolinas.