# New Haven Railroad

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I am attempting to model the New Haven Railroad as I remember it growing up along the "Electrified Zone", modeling the area around the New Haven Station in the early 1950's. Mainline passenger trains exchange electric motors for steam or diesel in New Haven. Mainline freights are pulled by electric, diesel and steam. Trains run point to point from two staging yards, one representing New York, Washington, and Maybrook, the other functioning as Boston, Springfield, Montreal and the Cedar Hill Yard. There is an industrial switching area representing the Manufacturers Railway. I have also modeled the Canal Line and New Hartford branch, which is an out and back switching turn and RDC passenger trains. Scenery is 10% complete on a layout less than a year old in a new house..

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## Layout at a glance

**Name:** Ed and Judy O'Rourke
**Scale:** HO
**Size: 22' x 15'**
**Prototype:** New York, New Haven & Hartford
**Locale:** Connecticut
**Era:** circa 1950 – some anachronisms in both directions
**Style:** Along the wall, with peninsula
**Mainline run**: 70'
**Minimum radius:** 28" on Main, 24" on branch
**Minimum turnout:** Mostly #6, some #4 and #8
**Maximum grade:** 2%
**Benchwork:** L Girder
**Height:** 30 to 36"
**Roadbed:** Cork, foam
**Track:** Code 100 in staging, Code 83 on the main tracks, code 70 in sidings.
**Scenery:** Eastern hills, City and suburban
**Backdrop:** Photo Murals from LARC Products
**Control:** Digitrax DCC with Sound

## Operating positions: 6 total Spots

**Canal Line turn**
**New Haven Stationmaster**
**2 road engineers**
**Local switch job**
**Manufacturers Railway job**

## Comments:

There are a variety of different jobs, which can be shared or swapped around.

**The layout is in a finished basement. There is an elevator if needed. No smoking! Benchwork is at desktop height.**