

KITCHEN MAGNET TOOL HOLDER
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There are certain tools I use rather regularly on my layout. A pair of needle nose pliers is perfect for bending up that coupler glad-hand that got stuck on a certain turnout. A small screwdriver does the trick when you need to tighten or loosen the trucks on a freight car that just won't run over a particular section of track or turnout. A small flathead screwdriver will allow me to quickly disconnect a wire from a terminal block if I'm troubleshooting an electrical problem. But where to put these tools so they are handy, yet not laying around on the layout?

While at my local hardware store, I noticed a device called a kitchen magnet bar. It is nicely decorated and is essentially a long, strong, horizontal magnet that is is screwed onto a flat surface. In the kitchen, it is likely to be mounted on the wall between the counter and the cupboards and used to hold knives or other metal utensils. However, on my layout, I mounted it on the fascia board and it holds all of the tools I regularly use on my layout. It sure saves a lot of trips back and forth to the workbench!