

8. Ernie Little's Coal Loading Building



As a member of the Prince William County Model Railroad Club, I took on the task of scratch building an HO scale coal loading building for the club's layout. All I had to work with was a cardboard mockup of the structure and a known amount of space on the layout where the structure would be located. Using styrene plastic, commercial stair, walkway, and door components, and scratch-built windows and window components, I was able to finish the project in time for the opening of the layout to the public in 2007. This was my first attempt at scratchbuilding and the effort taught me a lot about the use of styrene plastic in modeling. **Ernie Little, MMR**