

3. Martin Brechbiel's RPO/Baggage Car



This O-gauge RPO-Baggage car was inspired by a photo of something similar and by the need to scratch an itch that had not been attended to, namely the scratchbuilding of a bit of passenger car rolling stock. This was built along the lines of the techniques and style of a LaBelle kit, albeit with modifications. The sides with all the openings were laid out on 1/32" basswood sheet with grain running sideways. Then, scribed siding and individual boards were applied cross grain to build up the exterior of the sides. Thereafter they were mounted to one of my flat car blanks, much modified for the steps and platforms, yet with a full truss rod car underbody. The ends were simpler being just 1/16" thick scribed siding. Doors and windows were Grandt Line products and principally leftovers from other projects. The roof was covered with lapped single ply napkin. The car parts and components were painted by hand prior to assembly. Sierra trucks and Kadee couplers completed the car.

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