

Ken Nesper's Trackside Houses



I consider this pair of O scale houses to be a single trackside structure. The houses are part of a kit produced by Keystone Locomotive Works (#K-1009) in the 1980s, at least that's when I think that I bought it. The kit has been on the shelf for a long time waiting for the right location. They finally found a home on my On30 layout. The houses are based on company houses that still exist at the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park in Cass WV (I've spent the weekend in one of these.) The 5.5" x 8" houses are made of cast metal, wood, and card stock; the kit provided material for three houses. This past winter, I challenged a fellow modeler to use his Christmas gift of a laser cutter to scribe the doors and windows, then I completed the cutout, painting, and assembly. The houses are finished in opposite colors: white with gray trim and gray with white trim. Notice that even the two-hole outhouse is finished in opposite colors. I chose different materials for the roofs. If you look carefully, you'll see that the houses have different window patterns. I didn't finish the interiors.

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