

Joe Szajko's Midwest Layout

Z Scale (1:220)

Layout Size: Appox: 3' x 4'

Each grid square: 12"

Joe Szajko's layout captures the midwest with fields of grain and grain silos dotting the horizon. The layout is comprised of two separate, independent loops. Three sidings on the inner loop provide areas to stage cars as well as create switching options. The track is Micro-Trains sectional track that has been enhanced with ballast. The rails have been weathered. The layout is powered using Jönger Controllers and Gaugemaster HF1 rail cleaners.

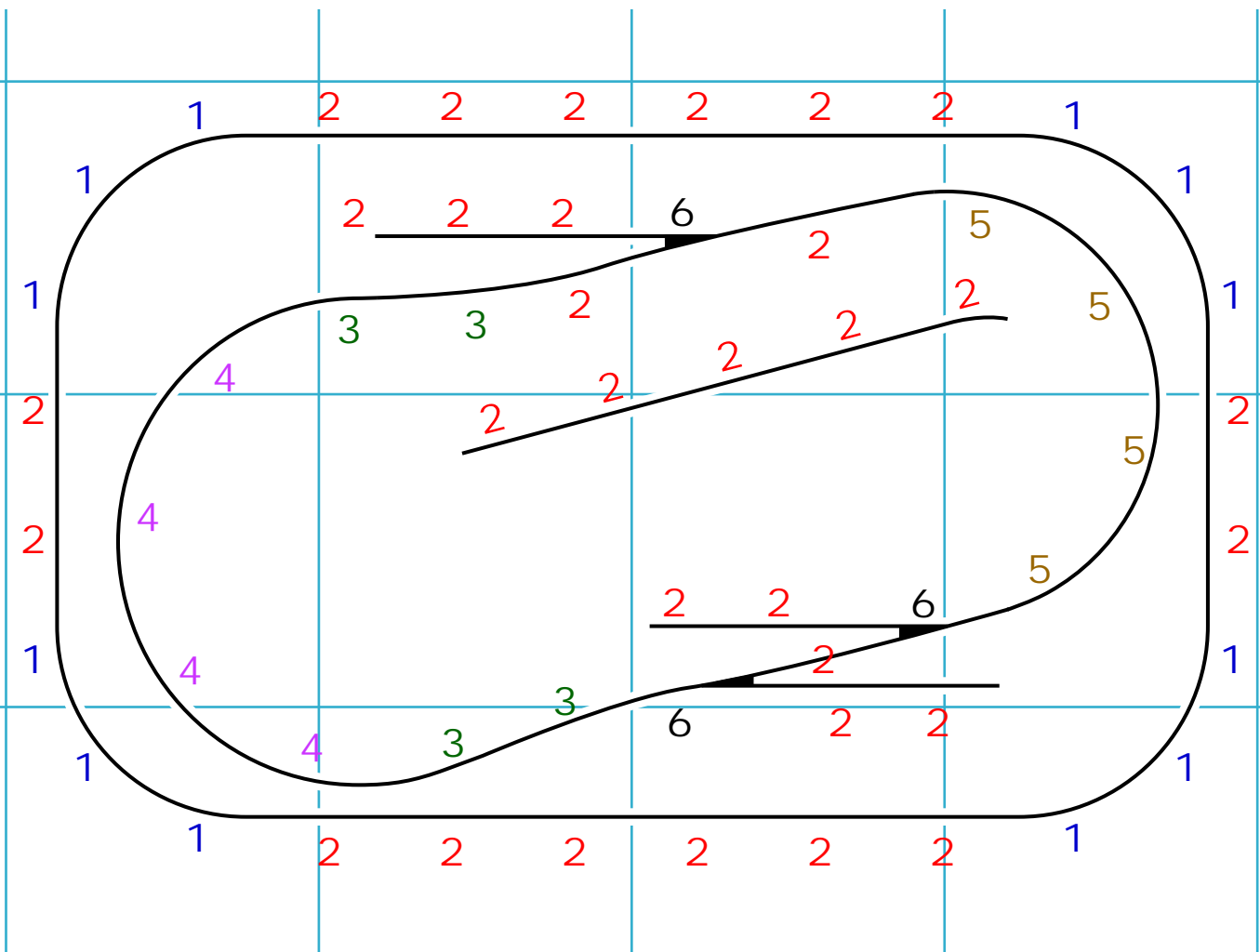
The layout is constructed on a board with a finished edge. Woodland Scenics ground foam and trees are used for most of the scenery. The tall grass is static grass applied using a 'Grassinator' static grass applicator. John Cubbin (www.ztrains.com) provides excellent and detailed instructions on his website for creating the device. A small backdrop is built into the middle of the layout to create distinct scenes on each side of the layout.

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The structures include kits from Märklin, Micro-Trains, Nansen Street, MPP and Robert Ray. New editions include Ray's Salvage kit and MTL's passenger station. The brown and white grain elevators are scratch built as is the red barn. Small details such as crossbucks, electrical poles, figures cars and trucks add detail to the layout.

Joe's layout is an excellent example of multi-train operations in a detailed layout. It shows very well what can be accomplished in concise space- RJK.

53
track pieces

Micro-Trains® Line Micro-Track®

- 1 = 12 pieces, 195mm, 30°
- 2 = 26 pieces, 110mm, straight
- 3 = 4 pieces, 490mm, 13°
- 4 = 4 pieces, 220mm, 45°
- 5 = 4 pieces, 195mm, 45°
- 6 = 3 pieces, RH Turnout

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