IT'S (almost) MAGIC:
MAINLINE OPERATION, with HO scale trains, IN JUST 9x8-FEET

12 car trains, 24-inch radius curves and TRUE **THROUGH-TRAIN** OPERATIONS (and unit train operations).

O and S scale modelers NOTE: This plan is perfect for an O scale layout in a two-car garage or for an S scale (or On3) layout in a 12x13½-foot room.

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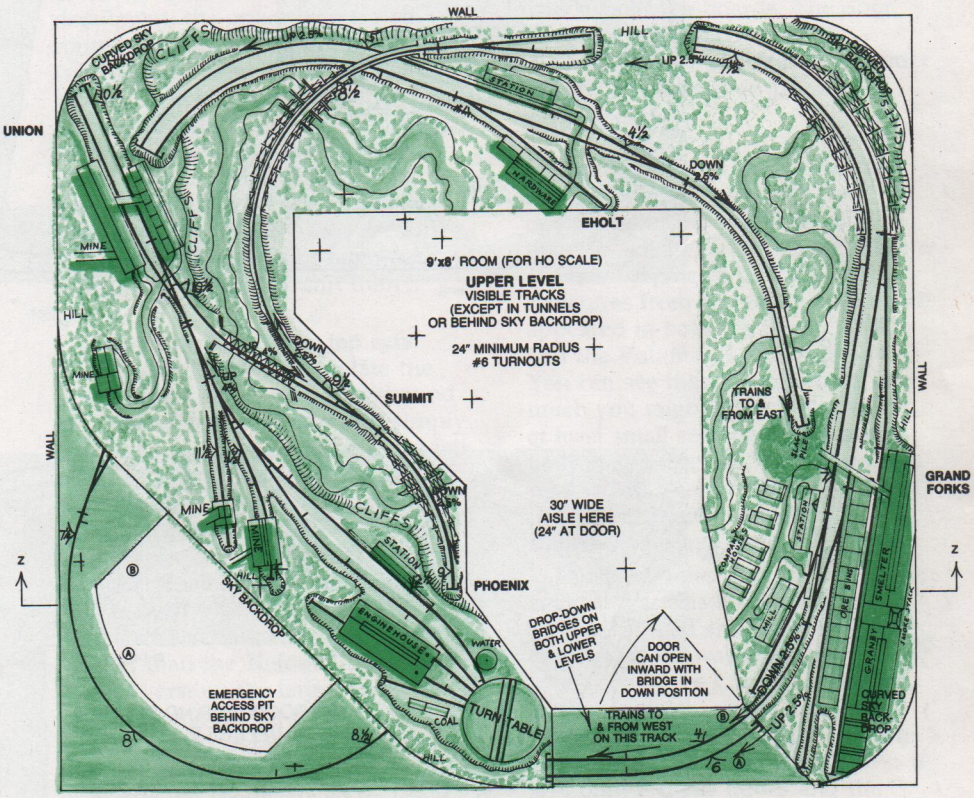

There's simply never as much room as you want for a model railroad layout. The lack of spare space problem has become more severe as housing costs rise, but space always was a premium. One of the basic features of every track plan that has appeared in **Model Railroading** magazine is a consideration for space; when we publish large plans, we fit them to one or two car garages. In some instances, these garage-size spaces can even be shared with the family car by parking the car beneath the layout. Some of us, though, lack access to garages or basements so that our layout space must be carved from the living area of the house. That's where shelf-style layouts (like the dozens of 2x4-foot and longer modules we have published) can help; a shelf layout can occupy just one or two walls of a bedroom above dressers, desk and bookcases. There are, however, limitations to these modular layouts that include a lack of through-train operation. Most of us really would rather have room for trains to travel, rather than space for them to shuffle back and forth.

This particular track plan crams more railroading in each square foot of space than any plan published so far. It's possible to squeeze more tracks into this kind of space by using yards and industrial areas. I said "more railroading," not only more switching or more industries or more diorama-like scenery or more storage space — this 9x8-foot plan has more of *everything* you could