

## Scratch-Building Model Railway Locomotives

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**Simon Bolton : Scratch-Building Model Railway Locomotives** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Scratch-Building Model Railway Locomotives:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good basic information on building a brass model railway locomotive. By Patrick Marshall Five stars here with a caveat--this is a very basic book on the subject. It is not necessarily reflective of the scratch-building realities facing model railroaders seeking to build replicas of north American steam locomotives. Steam locomotives on this continent, as a rule, were much larger and contained far more exposed complicated appliances and piping than their smaller "cleaner-lined" British counter-parts. That said, this book is an excellent introduction to the general building techniques common to most scratch-building projects and covers most areas of interest for the beginning modeler. The author has a rather breezy and humorous way of writing, giving sage advice along the way about being patient, working slowly and methodically, and, if all does not go well at

a particular point during the build--take a break. He points out that at times, if a process for shaping a part is going badly, stop and start over if necessary. Eventually you'll get it right and the process will be much easier the next time. Whatever your level of skill in this area, Bolton is full of valuable tips on making the job easier and more enjoyable. The best advice he gives is to start with a smaller simpler locomotive building project, even if it is a locomotive that does not hold great interest for you at the time. Make your mistakes early and often (you will), rectify them, get comfortable with the process, have some success, and then move onto more complicated types of locomotives. I highly recommend this book to all those interested in this archane, complicated but fascinating area of scale model building.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An EXCELLENT step by step study on building two motorized brass ...By Jack SimonsAn EXCELLENT step by step study on building two motorized brass model railroad locomotives. One representing a 0-6-0 steam engine, and another of a 0-4-0 diesel. This Jewel of a book has extra chapters on chassis suspension, truing up stock, and a multitude of manufacturing tips for any brass model. Finally!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good, but could be betterBy Charles R. DaltonAn excellent source of information and tips for some one like my self (a total novice). The only short coming is as with all books of this type, not enough info on where and how to obtain cheap materials. I'm sorry but spending \$400.00 on a kit shuts me out.

Essential reading for all those who are considering making a start on scratch-building a model locomotive; this book will enable the reader to scratch build a 00 gauge J15 locomotive following the stages set out. Covers tools and materials; soldering and joining metals; chassis and coupling rods; boiler, smokebox and firebox and much, much more.

About the AuthorSimon Bolton became a modeller as soon as he was old enough to follow the step-by-step guides in his father's railway modelling magazines. He was inspired to start scratch-building after reading stories about wonderful Great Western locomotives, many of which were not available as models in kit form. Moved to build models of his own, he acquired the necessary skills from journals, railway modelling club members and by trial and error. Now an accomplished modeller, Simon has published articles in the model railway press and society journals, his locomotives have appeared at the Gauge O Guild Annual Exhibition, and he has been an active layout operator and skills demonstrator for the Model Railway Club.