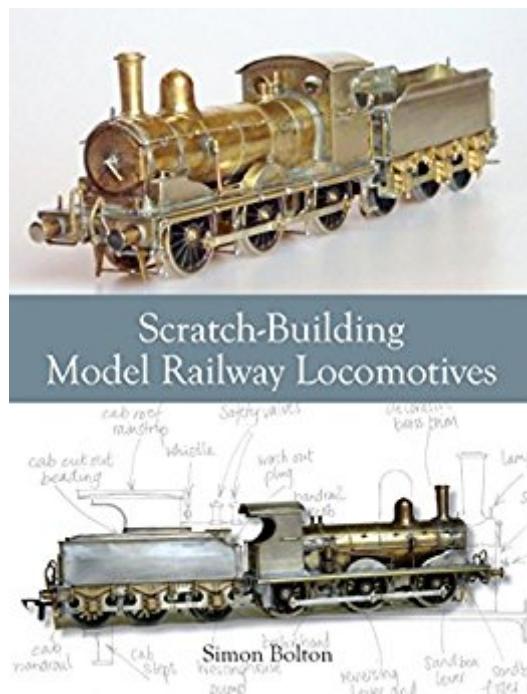


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# Scratch-Building Model Railway Locomotives



## Synopsis

Have you ever dreamed of being able to make a beautiful model locomotive from scratch? Do you have a favourite locomotive that you would love to reproduce in model form? Are you itching to start such a project and feel you need a helping hand? If so, this is the book for you. Using step-by-step text and illustration, this new book demonstrates how to construct a model of a pleasing J15 class, 0-6-0 steam locomotive in 00 gauge. It also explains how models of other locomotives can be built by adapting the methods covered in the book. Alternative options for chassis construction, other gauges and scales are considered as well as how to build a simple diesel locomotive. Fully illustrated with 269 colour photographs and diagrams.

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## Customer Reviews

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.

An 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!

An excellent source of information and tips for some one like my self (a total novice). The only short comming 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.

GREAT BOOK !

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