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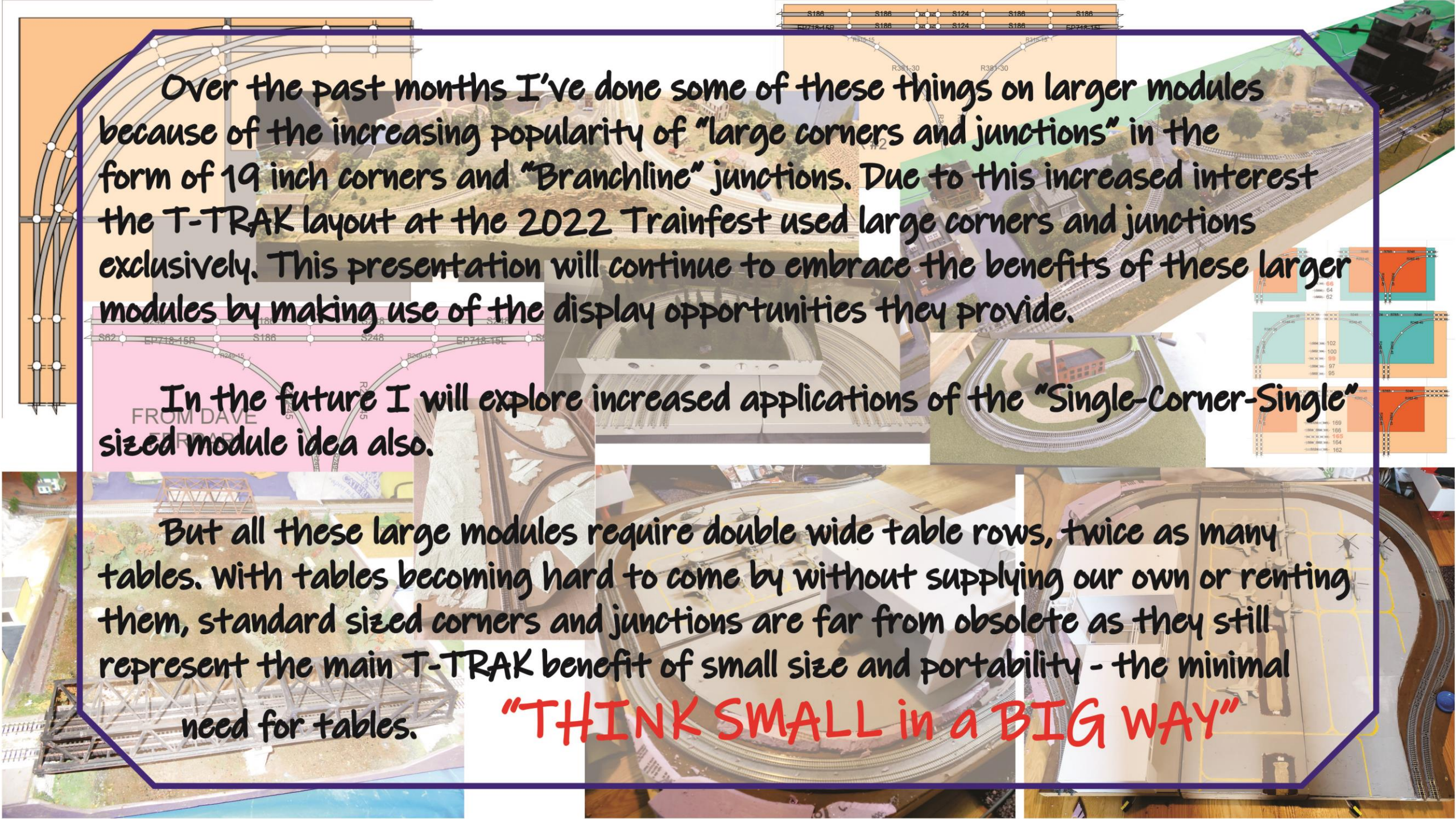
LARGE T-TRAK

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T-TRAK 101



Bigger isn't always better but it is always bigger so make use of the larger space!

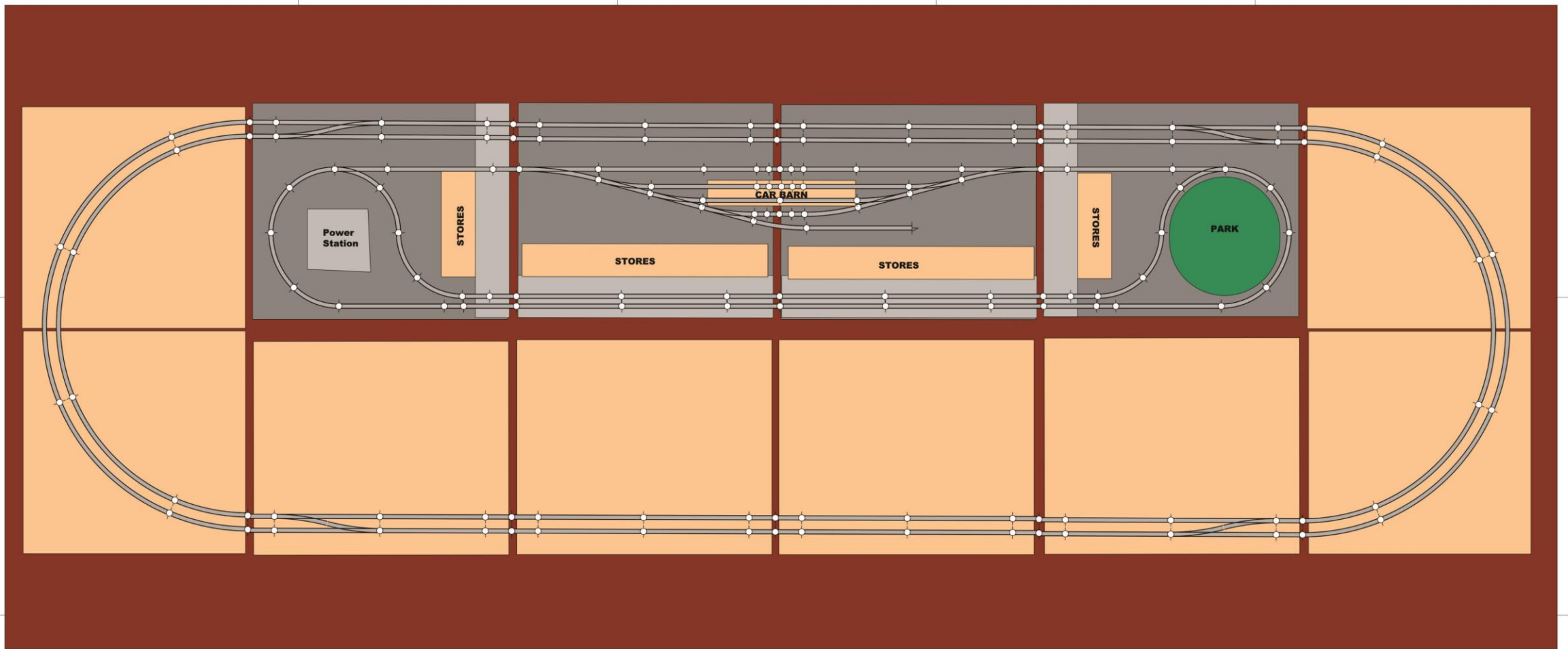
The background features a collage of model train layouts. At the top, there are technical diagrams of track junctions with labels like 'S186', 'S124', and 'R381-30'. Below these are various aerial views of model train setups, including a large circular layout with a central building, and other complex track arrangements. On the right side, there are smaller diagrams showing track configurations with labels like 'G4', 'G2', 'G6', 'G5', 'G3', 'G1', 'G7', 'G8', 'G9', 'G10', 'G11', 'G12', 'G13', 'G14', 'G15', 'G16', 'G17', 'G18', 'G19', 'G20', 'G21', 'G22', 'G23', 'G24', 'G25', 'G26', 'G27', 'G28', 'G29', 'G30', 'G31', 'G32', 'G33', 'G34', 'G35', 'G36', 'G37', 'G38', 'G39', 'G40', 'G41', 'G42', 'G43', 'G44', 'G45', 'G46', 'G47', 'G48', 'G49', 'G50', 'G51', 'G52', 'G53', 'G54', 'G55', 'G56', 'G57', 'G58', 'G59', 'G60', 'G61', 'G62', 'G63', 'G64', 'G65', 'G66', 'G67', 'G68', 'G69', 'G70', 'G71', 'G72', 'G73', 'G74', 'G75', 'G76', 'G77', 'G78', 'G79', 'G80', 'G81', 'G82', 'G83', 'G84', 'G85', 'G86', 'G87', 'G88', 'G89', 'G90', 'G91', 'G92', 'G93', 'G94', 'G95', 'G96', 'G97', 'G98', 'G99', 'G100'.

Over the past months I've done some of these things on larger modules because of the increasing popularity of "large corners and junctions" in the form of 19 inch corners and "Branchline" junctions. Due to this increased interest the T-TRAK layout at the 2022 Trainfest used large corners and junctions exclusively. This presentation will continue to embrace the benefits of these larger modules by making use of the display opportunities they provide.

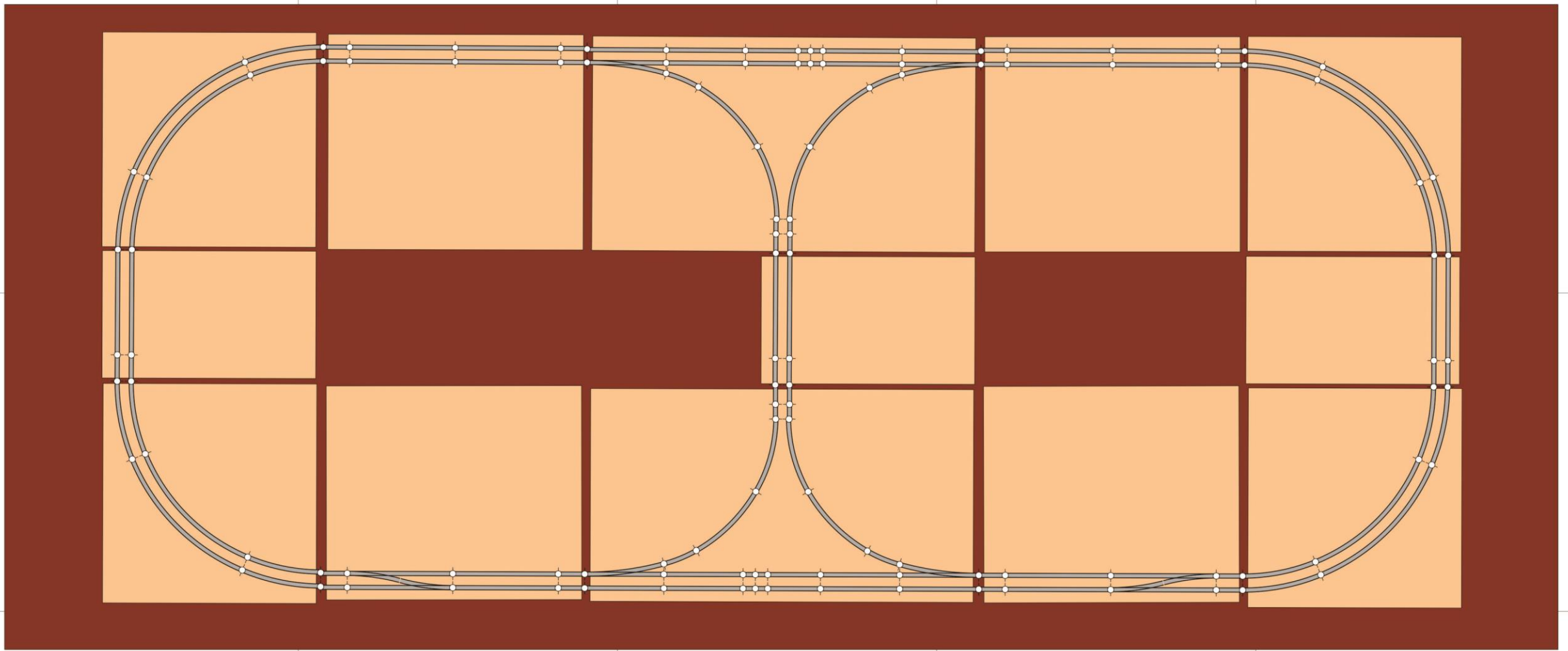
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In the future I will explore increased applications of the "Single-Corner-Single" sized module idea also.

But all these large modules require double wide table rows, twice as many tables. With tables becoming hard to come by without supplying our own or renting them, standard sized corners and junctions are far from obsolete as they still represent the main T-TRAK benefit of small size and portability - the minimal need for tables.

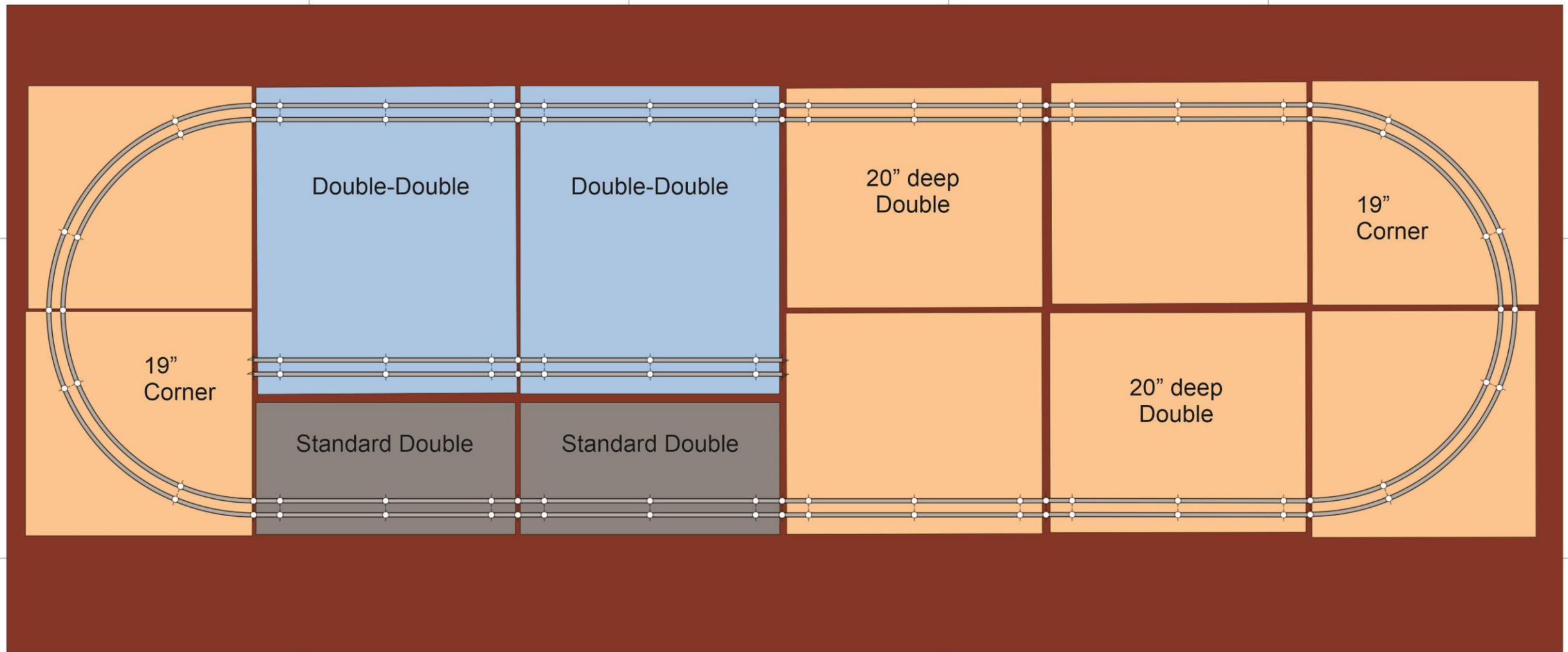
"THINK SMALL in a BIG WAY"



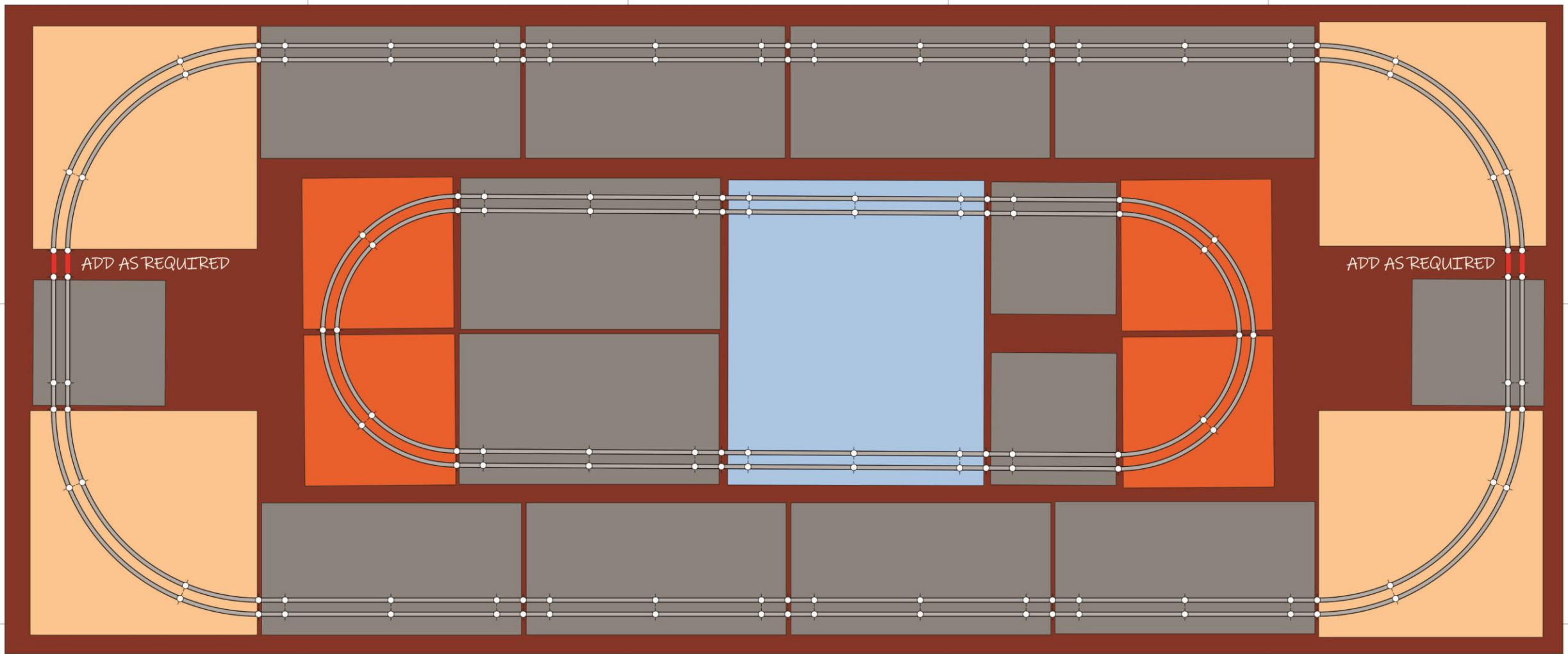
In my KATO Compact Track newsletter article I showed this trolley layout within a layout. The 20" depth of those modules was arrived at by accident trying to create the layout and were found to work well with 19" corners. Deep modules (over 14") are allowed in T-TRAK with skinny modules available for the other side of the loop, based on single table wide layouts. With 19" corners even deeper modules could be accommodated the same way.



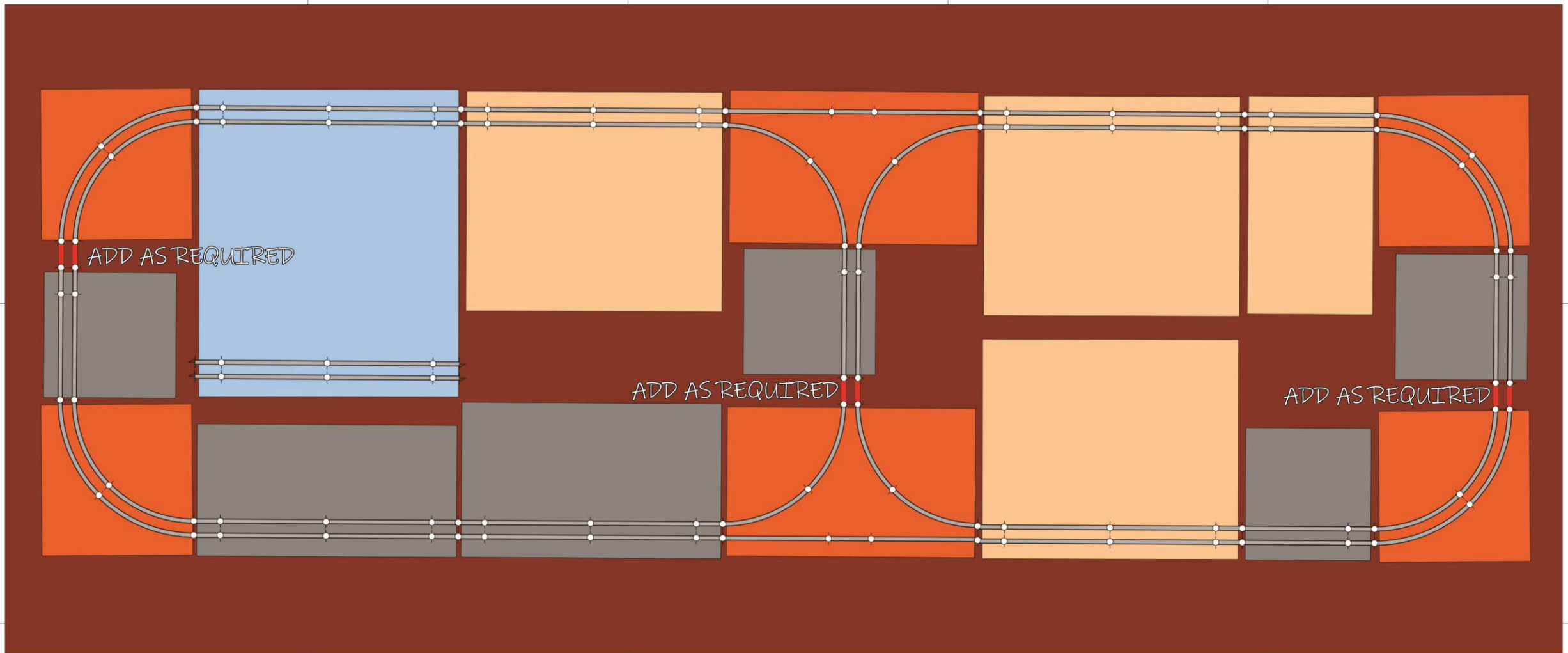
The brown area in these diagrams represents 4 six foot tables creating a 5 X 12 foot layout surface. With more tables more straight modules of any size could be added to the length. The use of 19 inch corners and/or branchline junctions allows for the creation of extra deep (20") straight modules of the standard T-TRAK lengths such as these singles and doubles.



Double-Doubles are falling out of favor now. With the popularity of large corners, they don't fit anymore. But, they can be used as oversized modules. A static train could be added to the unused second set of tracks adding to the scenery. Single modules can be added between the large end corners.

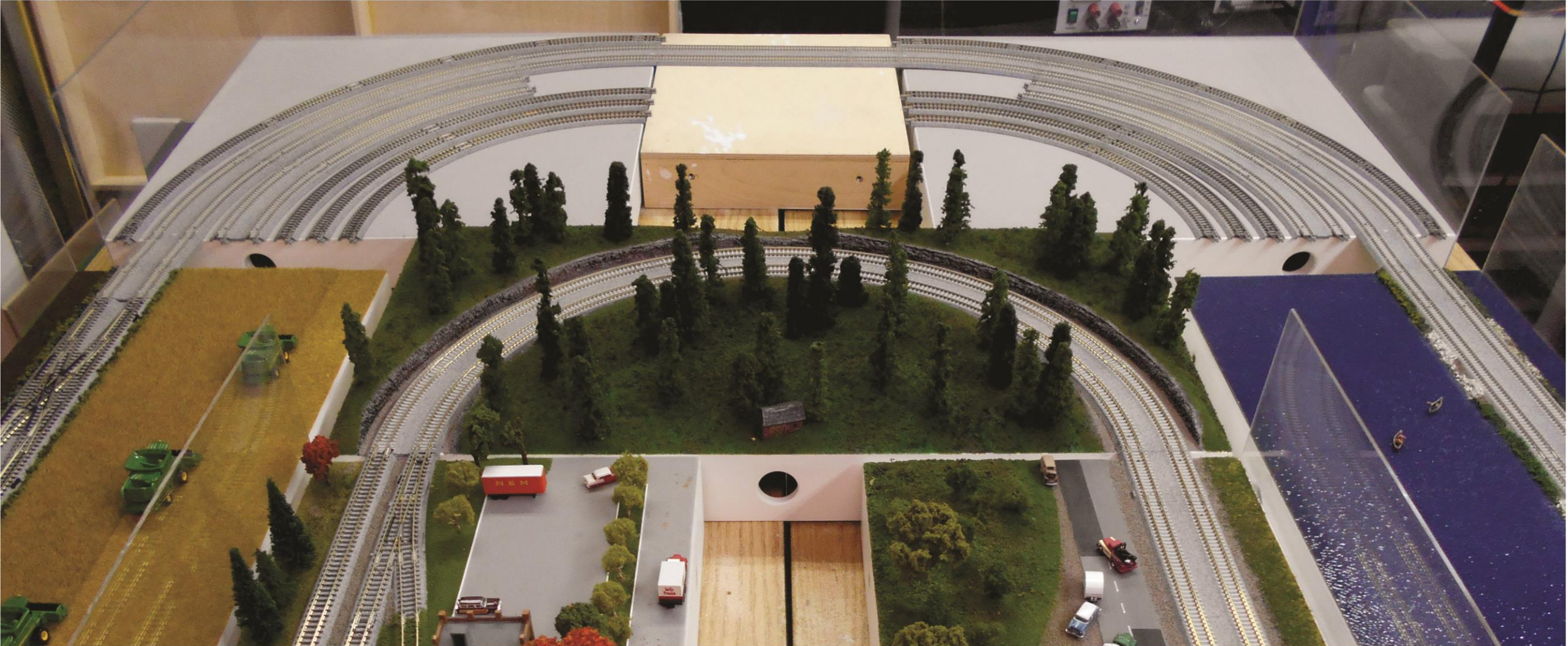


If you're going to use large radius corners with a bunch of standard size straight modules a second loop layout could be added inside the outer layout loop using standard corner modules. Any of KATO's small straight track pieces up to 64 MM or a combination of pieces as required by the size of the modules to accommodate the inside loop can be added.

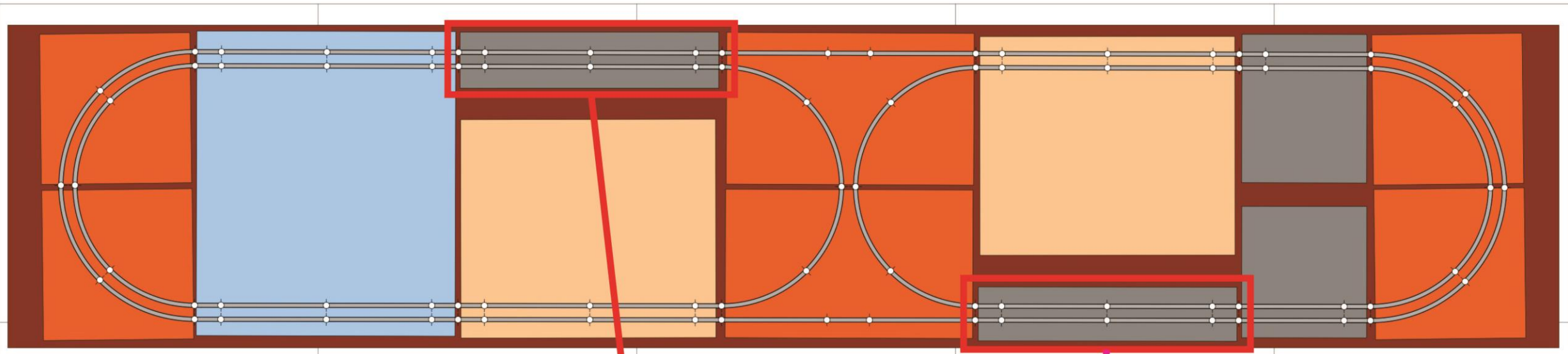


Even if you are using double wide rows of tables but not large corners or junctions these large modules can be accommodated in the layout plan. Even Double-Doubles will fit. This will also fit on a double row of 24 inch wide tables.

(If you are renting tables confirm their width - 24 OR 30 inches.)



The use of 180 degree end cap corners with the spacer straights in the outer loop layout and 12 inch or narrower straight modules would allow the tables to be spread appart to provide a deeper security edge around the layout.



If you have any of these skinny double track wide double module length bridges they are just the thing for use opposite a deep module on a single table wide display.

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