



## O-42 CURVES!

This layout is a good example of how a loop can be elaborated until it doesn't look like a loop anymore. This track plan also thinks like a point to point, because we are following the entire cycle of the oil business, from the oil well to the gas pump and beyond. On the left we have the oil fields and the storage tanks for the freshly extracted crude oil. At the storage tank station, you can fill tank cars with black gold. These tank cars will be dropped off at the oil refinery, which is that building inside the fence in the middle of the picture. You'll need to build the refinery yourself, but it's a relatively easy model to build. Refineries are basically flat-roof metal buildings surrounded by LOTS of pipes and storage tanks. Empty tin cans, tin foil, and lots of flexible drinking straws colored silver with a paint marker will create the effect quite nicely.

Behind the refinery is a plastics factory. Here you drop tankers of oil on one track and carry away covered hoppers full of plastic pellets from the other track.

Finally, we pass into a suburban area, with a McDonalds®, houses, and gas station. This gas station is unusual in that it receives its gasoline in a tank car that you leave on the siding in the back, rather than having it trucked in. The operating gas station and car wash add the final touch of delivering the gas to its final consumers!

### NUMBER DESCRIPTION

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| (38) | MTH 40-1001 10 inch straight       |
| (7)  | MTH 40-1016 5.0 inch straight      |
| (3)  | MTH 40-1019 30 inch straight       |
| (4)  | MTH 40-1024 track bumper           |
| (5)  | MTH 40-1043 O-42 lefthand switch   |
| (3)  | MTH 40-1044 O-42 righthand switch  |
| (40) | MTH 40-1042 O-42 curve             |
| (6)  | MTH 40-1017 4.25 inch straight     |
| (2)  | MTH 40-1006 90° cross              |
| (6)  | MTH 40-1012 5.5 inch half straight |
| (2)  | MTH 40-1008 uncoupling track       |
| (4)  | MTH 40-1018 3.5 inch straight      |