

N Scale Model Train Beginner Checklist

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Basic Essentials

- N Scale Starter Train Set (Locomotive, Cars, Track, Power Pack)
 - Extra Track Sections (Straight, curved, and turnout switches)
 - Power Supply or DCC System (If not included with starter set)
 - Layout Baseboard (Foam board, plywood, or hollow-core door)
 - Track Plan or Layout Diagram (Sketch or download template)
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Layout Building Tools

- Hobby Knife or Precision Cutter
- Ruler or Straight Edge
- Foam Cutter (if using foam base)
- Tweezers or Fine Tool Set
- Small Screwdrivers
- Soldering Iron (for advanced wiring)



Track and Electrical

- Terminal Joiners / Feeder Wires
 - Bus Wire (16-18 gauge)
 - Rail Joiners and Insulated Rail Joiners
 - Re-railer Tool
 - Multimeter (for voltage testing)
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Scenery and Structures

- Ballast (Fine Grade for N Scale)
- Ground Cover (Grass, Dirt, Turf)
- Buildings and Kits (Houses, Depots, Industries)
- Scenic Glue or Spray Adhesive
- Backdrop or Printed Scenery

Rolling Stock & Accessories

- Additional Freight or Passenger Cars
- Magnetic Couplers (Micro-Trains Line)
- Vehicles, Figures, and Road Signs
- Lighting Kits (LED for structures)
- Track Cleaning Tool or Pad



Storage & Maintenance

- Train Storage Boxes or Foam Inserts
- Track Cleaning Fluid
- Hobby Paint and Brushes
- Lubricant (Plastic-safe)
- Labeling System for Parts

Learning & Inspiration

- N Scale Reference Book or Magazine
- Online Forums (like NScale.net)
- YouTube Channels or How-To Videos
- Checklist printed & pinned to your workbench