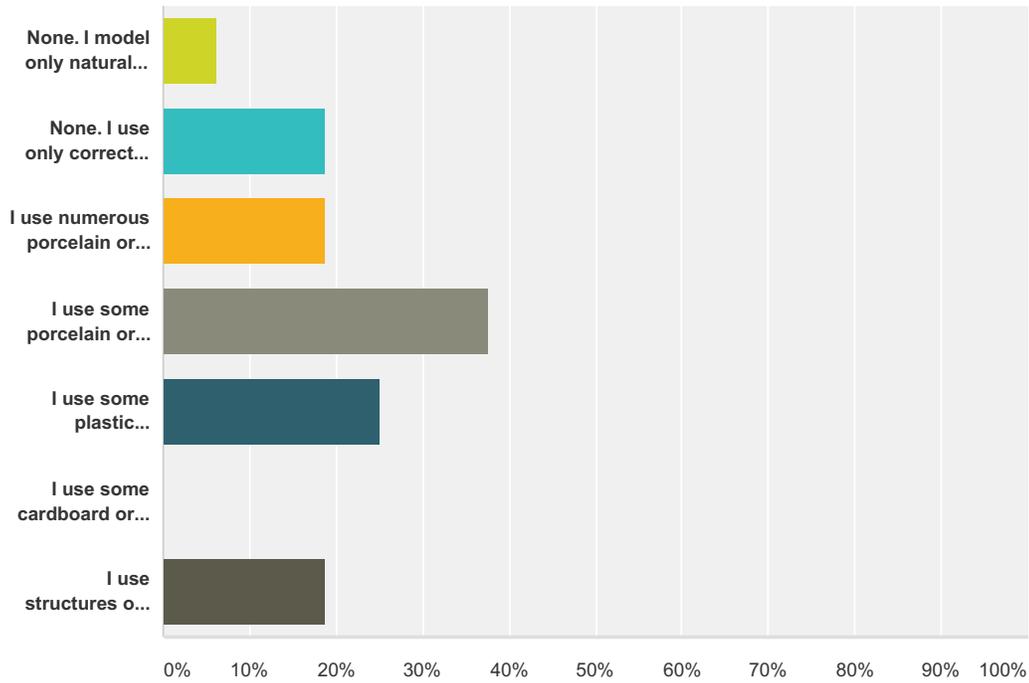


Q1 What non-toy-train structures do you find useful on your layout?

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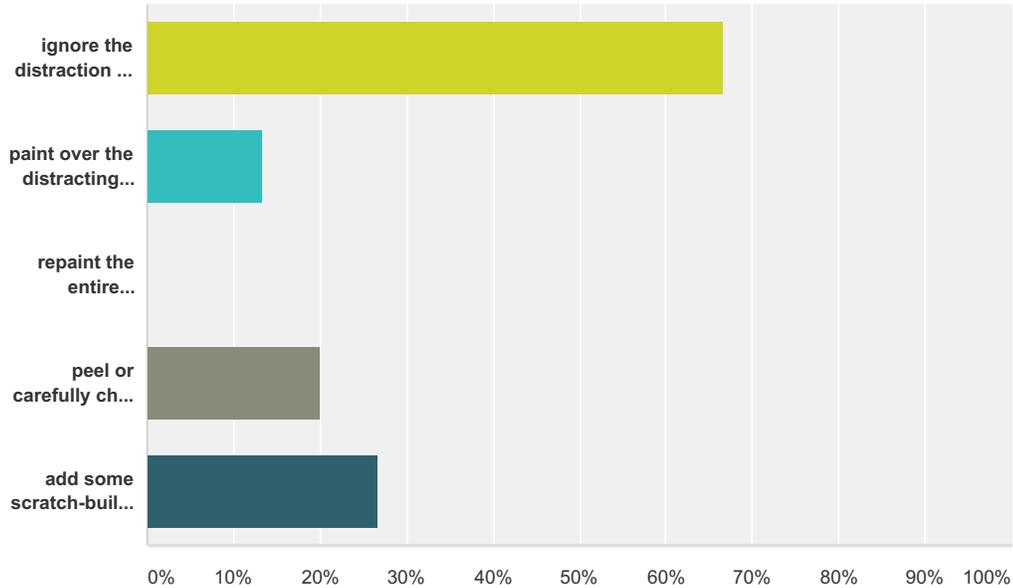


Answer Choices	Responses
None. I model only natural scenery on my layout; there's not a single man-made structure represented on it.	6.25% 1
None. I use only correctly scaled structures intended for model railroad layouts.	18.75% 3
I use numerous porcelain or ceramic structures such as those by Dept. 56 or Lemax; in fact, they comprise the majority of structures on my layout.	18.75% 3
I use some porcelain or ceramic structures when they appear realistic to me and I may intermix them with scale structures.	37.50% 6
I use some plastic structures that were NOT designed for use on toy train layouts.	25.00% 4
I use some cardboard or paper structures that were NOT designed for use on toy train layouts.	0.00% 0
I use structures of some other material that were NOT designed for use on toy train layouts.	18.75% 3
Total Respondents: 16	

#	We'd love additional details about your answer:	Date
1	If they count, I use toy trucks for senic vehicles and Lego minifigures as a station population	6/23/2015 4:03 PM
2	Club I am a member of uses several ceramic type structures on their winter themed layout. Makes for a nice whimsical touch for Christmas.	4/12/2015 5:50 AM
3	Legos Bricks!	4/6/2015 10:25 PM
4	I have two layouts and one of them is exclusively porcelain (Dept 56)	4/3/2015 6:35 PM
5	The "Lionel Train Store" by Dept. 56 is a MUST--and it looks fairly close to scale set between accurately sized O scale buildings.	3/23/2015 11:56 AM

Q2 When a non-toy-train structure that I wish to utilize on my layout has some distracting element, I . . .

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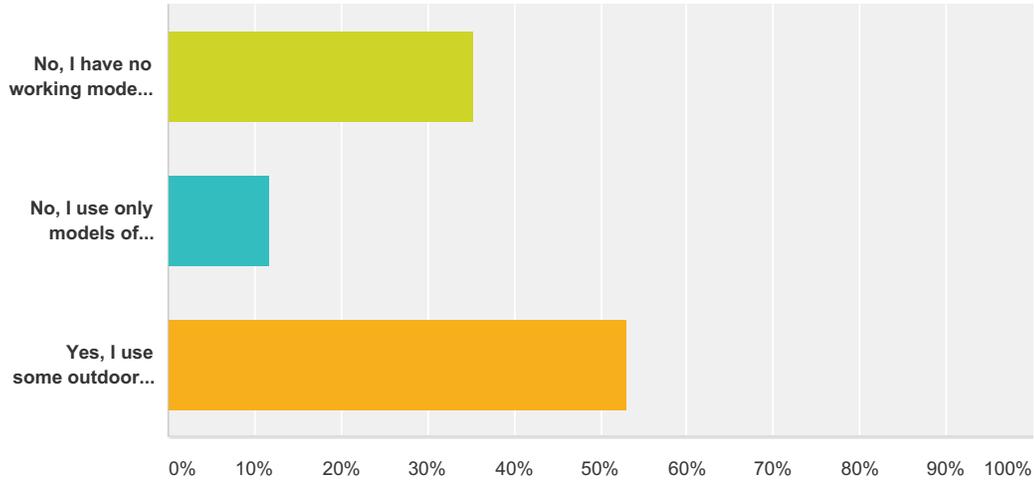


Answer Choices	Responses
ignore the distraction and use the structure as is.	66.67% 10
paint over the distracting element (such as snow), matching the structure's color as closely as I can.	13.33% 2
repaint the entire structure.	0.00% 0
peel or carefully chip off elements, such as Christmas wreaths, that do not fit with my layout's seasonal theme.	20.00% 3
add some scratch-built element to hide the distraction.	26.67% 4
Total Respondents: 15	

#	I do something else to make such structures fit in, and this is what I do:	Date
1	Make a snow section on my lay out for winter	4/9/2015 10:58 AM
2	I used to think it close to sacrilege to paint over parts of a "collectible," and I used ceramic buildings "as is," just mentally ignoring snow patches in the middle of my summer layout. Recently, I decided that making them fit in is more fun, so to heck with the "collectibility" factor!	3/23/2015 11:56 AM

Q3 Do you use miniature decorative holiday street lights, flood lights, or other models of non-toy-train outdoor lighting on your layout?

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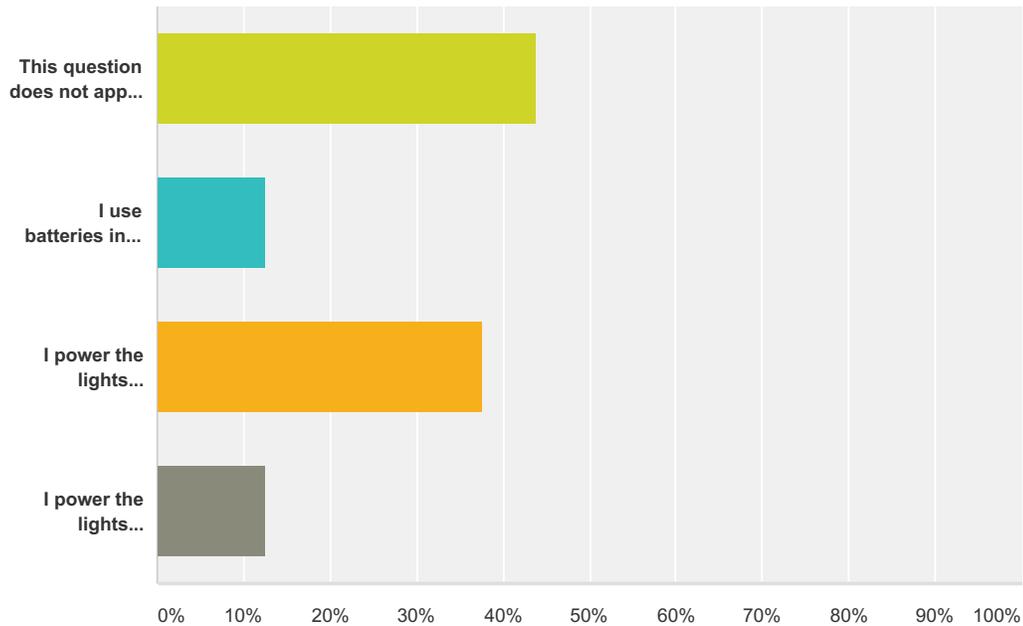


Answer Choices	Responses
No, I have no working models of outdoor lights on my layout.	35.29% 6
No, I use only models of lighting that are in proper scale and are primarily marketed for use on train layouts.	11.76% 2
Yes, I use some outdoor lights (such as street lamp poles) from Dept. 56, Lemax, Carole Towne, or other brands that are not normally marketed as model railroad accessories.	52.94% 9
Total Respondents: 17	

#	If you have found specific models of street or other outdoor lighting that look especially good on your layout, we'd be happy to know about them:	Date
1	I have added some background lighting by using LED lights found at auto parts stores.	4/2/2015 7:53 AM
2	My city streets are lined with "Colonial Street Lamps" (Lemax #54313), the city park is treated to fancy four-lamp "Old English Street Lamps" (Lemax #34902), and the rail yard tracks are illuminated by "Railroad Lamps" (Dept. 56 #52760). While not as bright as some operators may prefer, in sufficient number, these lamps look wonderful in even a slightly darkened room.	3/23/2015 12:01 PM

Q4 Most miniature lighted holiday accessories are battery powered, and many can also be powered from a plug-in adapter so that one does not have to provide or change batteries. If you use such lighted accessories on your layout, how do you power them? (Remember, we're talking about lighting sold as holiday decorations, not as regular toy train accessories.)

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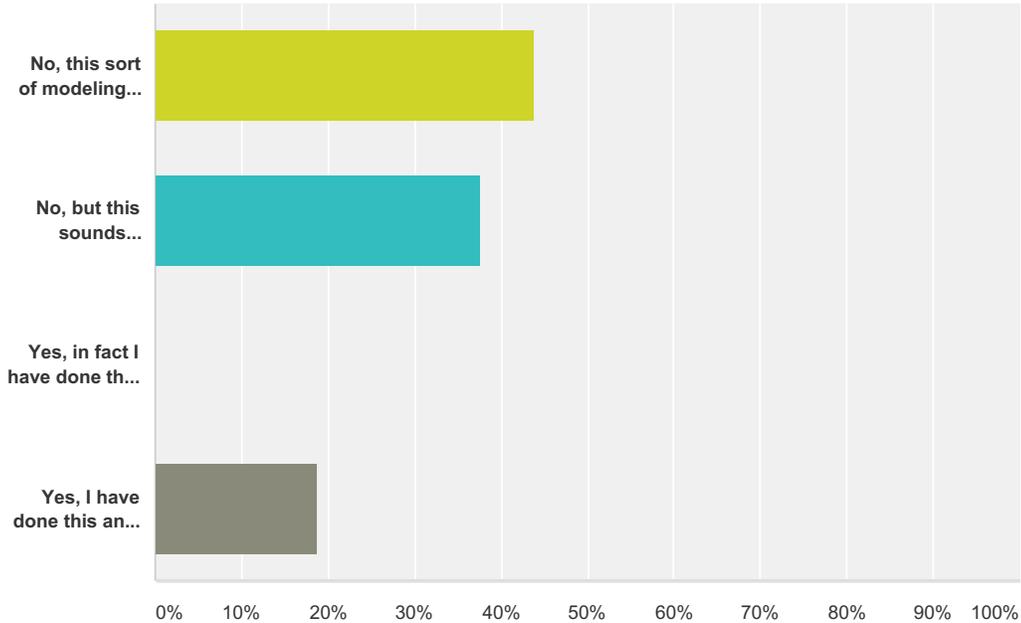


Answer Choices	Responses
This question does not apply to my layout because I don't use such lights.	43.75% 7
I use batteries in the battery packs that come with the lights, although I may splice in an off/on switch so I can control the lights from my control panel.	12.50% 2
I power the lights electrically through an adapter made specifically for that purpose.	37.50% 6
I power the lights electrically by re-purposing an unrelated but compatible adapter (such as a cell phone charger, etc.)	12.50% 2
Total Respondents: 16	

#	I power the lights in a very imaginative way not represented above, and this is how I do it:	Date
1	using low-voltage AC transformers	8/18/2015 8:05 AM
2	Small hobby transformers can be purchased used at train shows.	4/2/2015 7:53 AM

Q5 Have you ever used a jewelry finding as a component part for an item on your layout? (For example, a properly shaped finding might become the hood over an outdoor light above a model doorway.)

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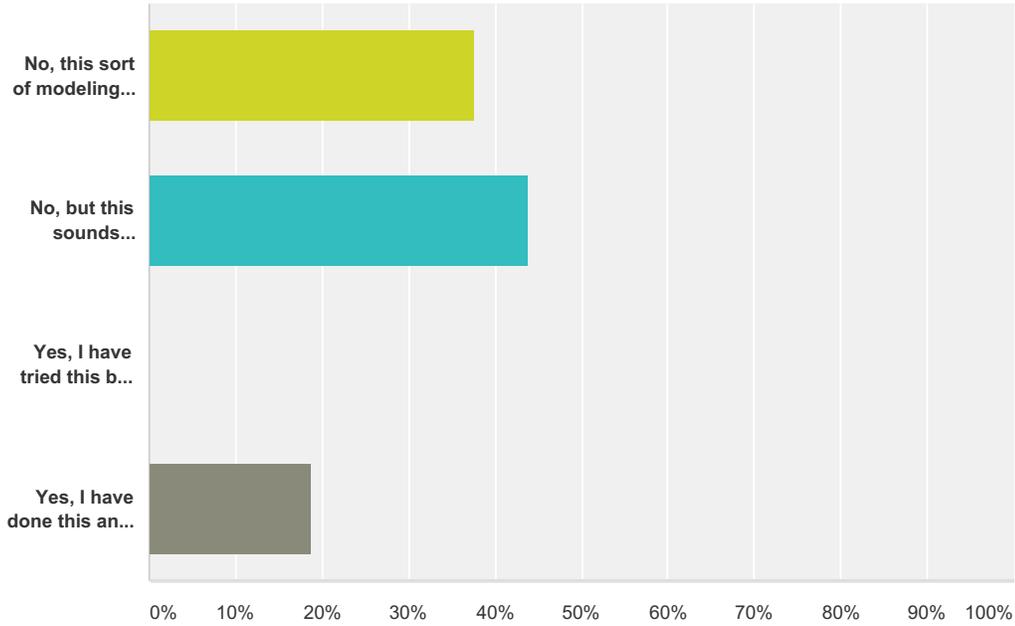


Answer Choices	Responses
No, this sort of modeling does not interest me.	43.75% 7
No, but this sounds interesting and I'll look for some on-line findings catalogs to see what I might use.	37.50% 6
Yes, in fact I have done this but was not pleased with the result and will probably not do it again.	0.00% 0
Yes, I have done this and the results were amazing! I'll briefly tell what I did in the text box below.	18.75% 3
Total Respondents: 16	

#	My project using jewelry findings went as follows:	Date
1	Have used some aftermarket "jewels" from the craft store for marker lights, can look pretty realistic.	3/30/2015 7:47 PM
2	As the question itself suggests, I've used jewelry findings as hoods over outdoor lights attached to the sides of buildings. Glued to the end of a curved copper rod (model aircraft fuel line?) and with grain-of-rice lamp wires threaded inside that rod, one makes a very convincing overhead light above a doorway or suspended from the ceiling of a building for interior illumination.	3/23/2015 12:09 PM

Q6 Have you ever re-purposed a complete piece of jewelry into a layout detail item? (For example, a fine chain necklace can be cut to the desired length and used to represent a much larger chain in O scale.)

Answered: 16 Skipped: 1

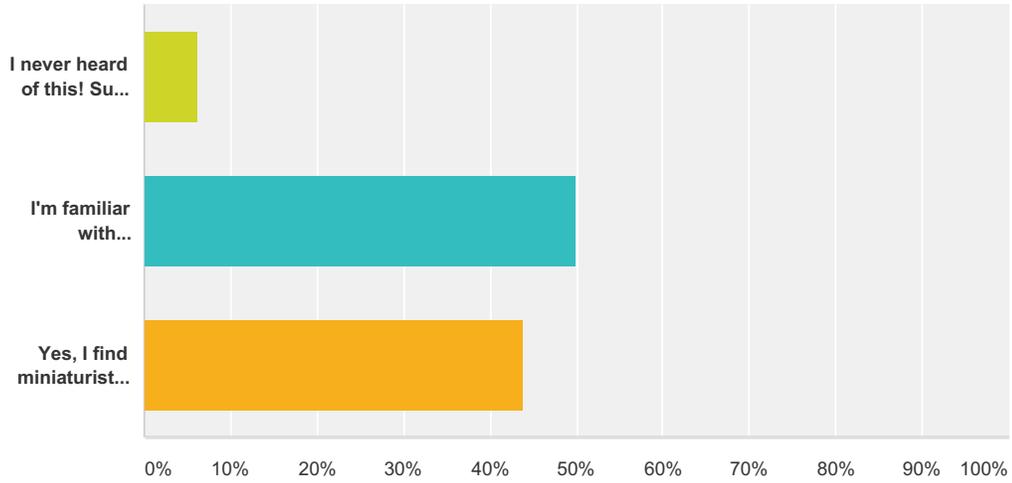


Answer Choices	Responses
No, this sort of modeling does not interest me.	37.50% 6
No, but this sounds interesting and I'll keep my eyes open in department stores to see what I might use.	43.75% 7
Yes, I have tried this but I was disappointed in the results and I'm not very eager to try again.	0.00% 0
Yes, I have done this and the results were astounding! I'll describe what I did in the text box below:	18.75% 3
Total Respondents: 16	

#	Share your most succesful re-purposing project with us!	Date
1	I have used 28GA silver wire for faux overhead telephone and electric posts.	4/2/2015 7:56 AM
2	Needing to block off an unused flight of stairs on a pedestrian overhead walkway, I glued a length of chain necklace across the top of those stairs and attached a computer-printed sign reading "STAIRS CLOSED." I've also used chain glued to wooden dowels to make vehicle barriers around dirt parking lots.	3/23/2015 12:09 PM

Q7 Have you ever used items from doll house or other miniaturist supplies on a toy train layout?

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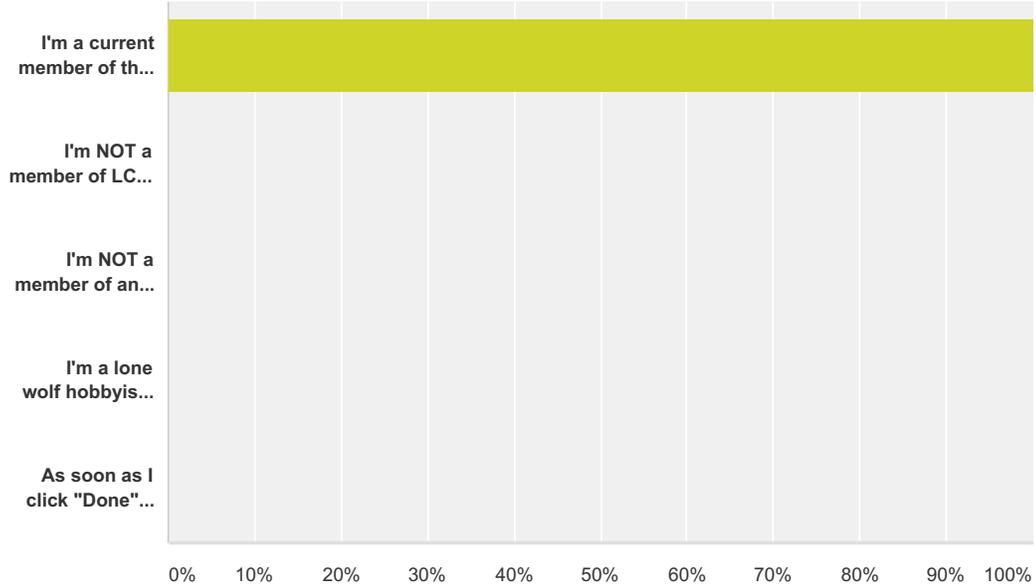


Answer Choices	Responses
I never heard of this! Sure you aren't kidding?	6.25% 1
I'm familiar with miniaturist creations but never found any of their supplies useful in my toy train hobby.	50.00% 8
Yes, I find miniaturist stores or catalogs to be potential sources for useful materials on my layout.	43.75% 7
Total Respondents: 16	

#	Hints, tips or recommendations as to useful miniaturist items?	Date
1	I like to search around at the larger hobby stores for some ideas.	4/2/2015 7:57 AM
2	My wife had bought several small scale trees for use around future doll house dioramas, but most have found their way (somehow!) to my layout. One source of these was "Mountain Modelcraft Perfect Trees" by Conrad Specialty Mfg. but they were bought years ago, and I don't know if they're still available.	3/23/2015 12:12 PM

Q8 Please let us know the nature of your train club affiliation. (This question allows multiple answers so that you can select Answer #5 regardless of your other selections.)

Answered: 15 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
I'm a current member of the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA).	100.00% 15
I'm NOT a member of LCCA but I AM a member of one or more of the other national train clubs (such as TCA, TTOS, LOTS, etc.)	0.00% 0
I'm NOT a member of any national train club but I AM a member of an organized local club.	0.00% 0
I'm a lone wolf hobbyist and am not a member of any organized train club at all.	0.00% 0
As soon as I click "Done" at the end of this TRAIN TALK session and am automatically taken to the LCCA home page, I'm joining the club or renewing my membership today!	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 15	