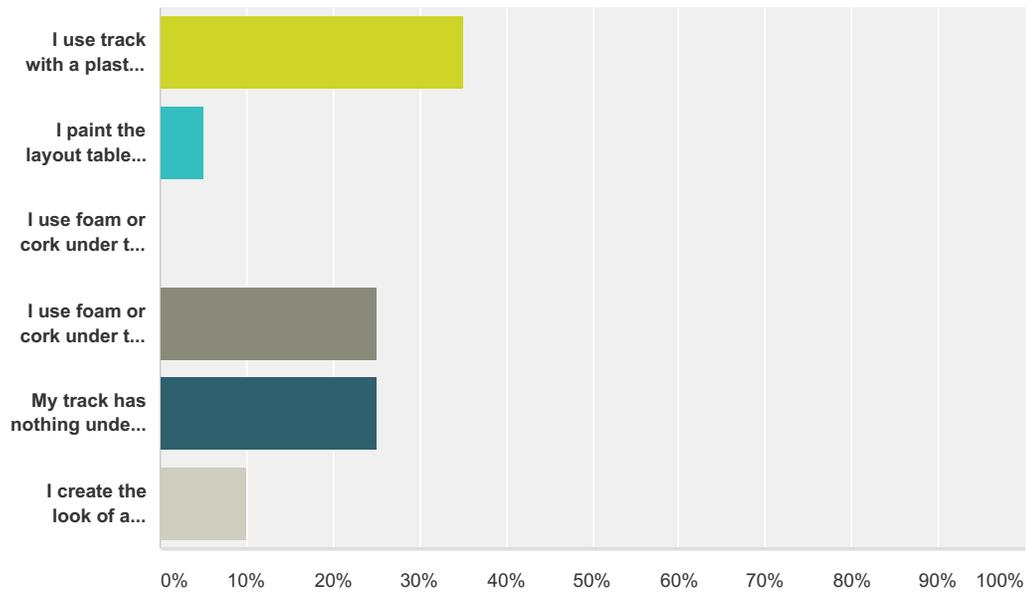


Q1 What sort of roadbed do you use to support your track?

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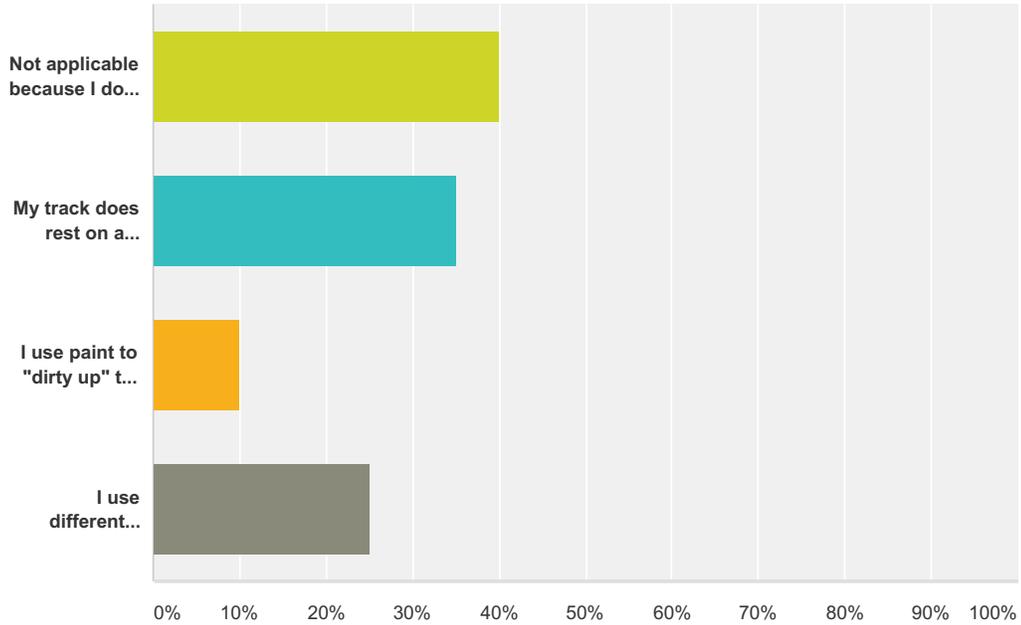


Answer Choices	Responses
I use track with a plastic roadbed integral to it and add nothing else.	35.00% 7
I paint the layout table under the track a dark or "rocky" color to suggest a roadbed.	5.00% 1
I use foam or cork under the track to raise it and perhaps create a beveled edge but add nothing else.	0.00% 0
I use foam or cork under the track and then fill between the ties with real or simulated crushed rock.	25.00% 5
My track has nothing under it to suggest a ballasted roadbed.	25.00% 5
I create the look of a ballasted roadbed in an entirely different way. (Please describe:)	10.00% 2
Total	20

#	I create the look of a ballasted roadbed in an entirely different way. (Please describe:)	Date
1	Tiny black stone	12/23/2015 12:35 PM
2	I use Fastrack with foam under it.	7/29/2015 3:52 PM

Q2 If you use ANY types of simulated roadbed, how do you enhance its appearance for realism? (You can select more than one response if applicable.)

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0

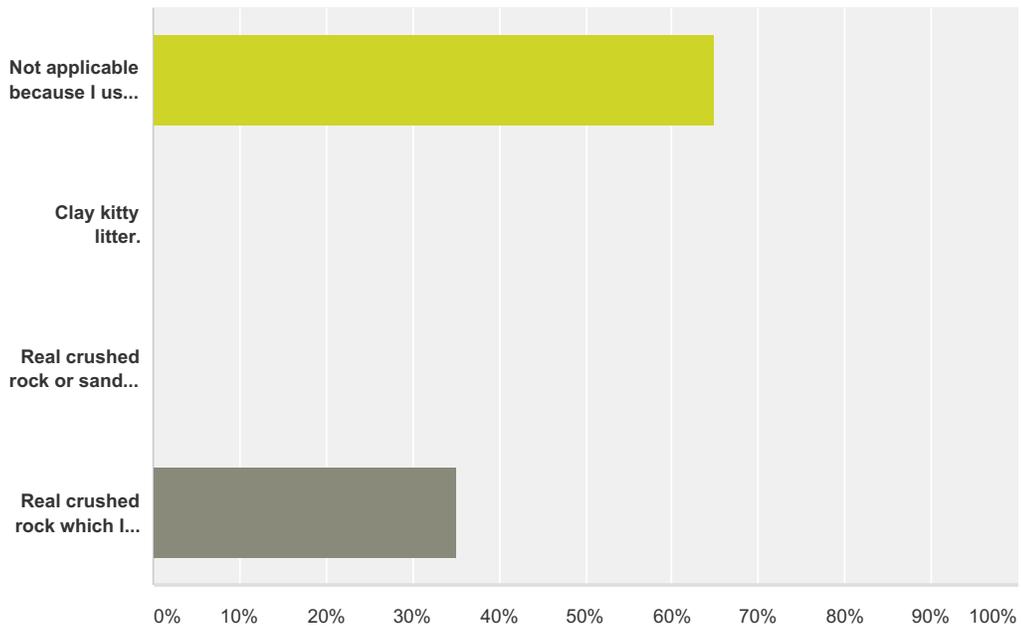


Answer Choices	Responses
Not applicable because I do not use any type of roadbed or ballast under my track.	40.00% 8
My track does rest on a simulated ballasted roadbed of some sort, but I do not enhance it beyond its manufactured appearance.	35.00% 7
I use paint to "dirty up" the simulated ballast and to represent spilled oil, coal dust, or similar stains.	10.00% 2
I use different colors of commercial ballast to vary the appearance and degrees of dirtiness.	25.00% 5
Total Respondents: 20	

#	Additional comments are always welcomed:	Date
1	I use a commercial rock ballast of a gray blend (Brennan's Better Ballast) which is sufficiently varied in color to look very realistic. Entering a tunnel, however, I switch to black aquarium gravel, which adds to the dark shadow within the tunnel.	7/2/2015 9:23 PM

Q3 If you apply simulated ballast to your roadbed, what do you use?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0

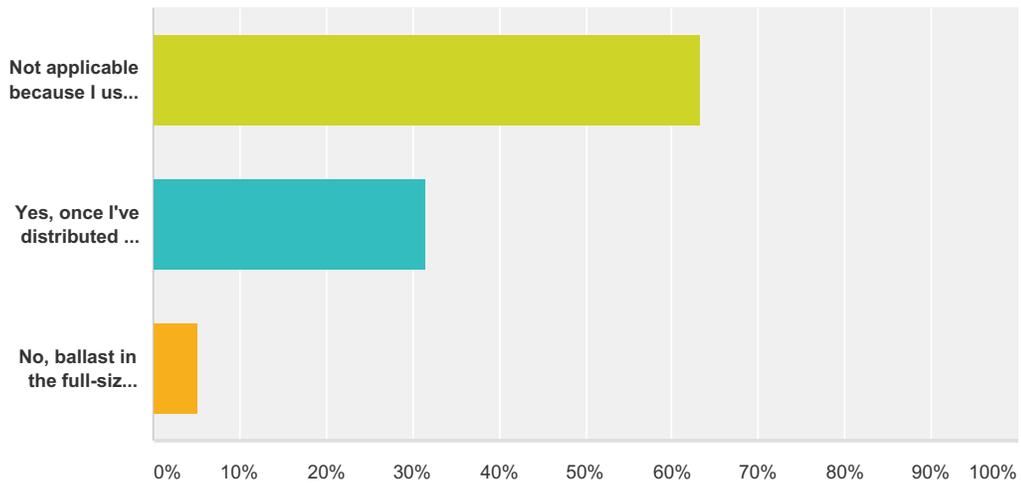


Answer Choices	Responses
Not applicable because I use track with plastic roadbed attached or else I use no roadbed of any sort.	65.00% 13
Clay kitty litter.	0.00% 0
Real crushed rock or sand which I collect, sift, and otherwise prepare from scratch myself.	0.00% 0
Real crushed rock which I buy from a hobby supplier.	35.00% 7
Total Respondents: 20	

#	I use an entirely different material described below:	Date
1	Looks like Life-Like coal.	12/23/2015 12:36 PM

Q4 If you use a loose material such as crushed rock for ballast, do you bond it?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 1

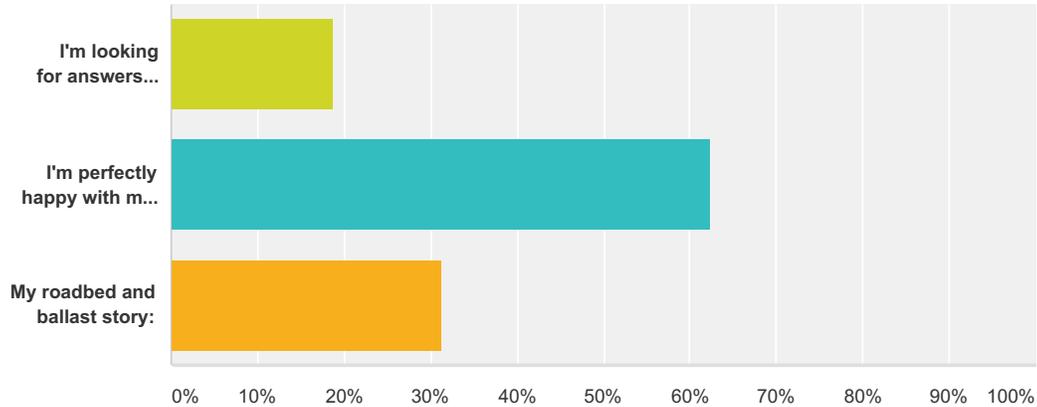


Answer Choices	Responses
Not applicable because I use track with a plastic simulated roadbed attached or else I use no roadbed at all.	63.16% 12
Yes, once I've distributed and shaped the loose-rock ballast, I do bond it.	31.58% 6
No, ballast in the full-size train world is not bonded, so I leave mine loose as well.	5.26% 1
Total Respondents: 19	

#	If you bond your ballast, may we have a brief explanation of your technique? Alternatively, if you leave your ballast loose, how do you contain it?	Date
1	I keep two bottles and a large eye dropper handy. The first bottle has a mixture of water and dish detergent; the second has diluted white blue. Step 1 is to wet the ballast with the water and detergent mixture, and Step 2 is to apply the diluted white blue. By using the dropper to apply both, almost nothing gets on the rails or other trackside scenery. Yes, it's a bit tedious but the result looks great.	7/2/2015 9:28 PM

Q5 What roadbed and/or ballast experiences and recommendations can you offer your fellow LCCA members?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 4

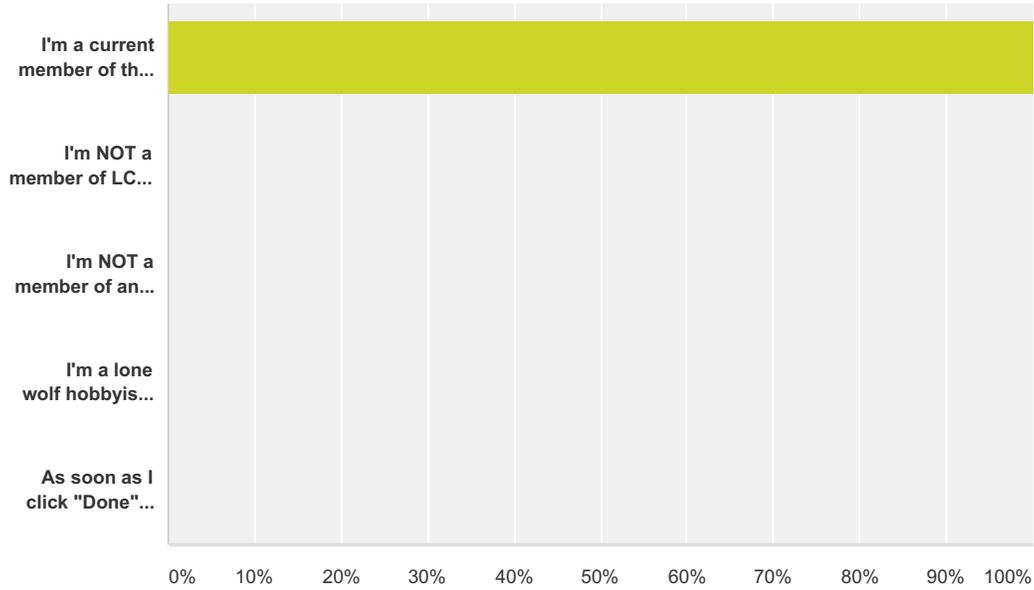


Answer Choices	Responses
I'm looking for answers myself and can't think of a thing that might benefit others.	18.75% 3
I'm perfectly happy with my track's plastic roadbed or with no roadbed whatsoever.	62.50% 10
My roadbed and ballast story:	31.25% 5
Total Respondents: 16	

#	My roadbed and ballast story:	Date
1	Life-Like stone	12/23/2015 12:37 PM
2	I was worried that Fastrack would be too noisy, however, I use Woodland Scenics roadbed to soften the noise. It works.	7/29/2015 3:54 PM
3	I use tubular O-27 style track with added ties and real rock ballast from Dennis Brennan that is applied not too carefully to the level of the tie tops and glued in place with water thinned carpenters glue. When dry no screws or anything are used to hold the track in place. I used open frame with track running on 1"X3" boards [mostly] with foam followed with the ballast.	7/5/2015 9:24 PM
4	GarGarves and Ross custom. Best and least expensive. I always loved "old" Lionel SUPER-0!	7/4/2015 3:30 PM
5	On a previous layout, I used loose clay kitty litter, now hard to find without green chlorophyll or similar colored specks. This was used with traditional tubular track. I lined the track sides with a row of lichen "shrubbery" glued to the tabletop and this kept the cat litter in place, keeping it from spreading beyond the track. This looked quite believable with the large rails of tubular O gauge track. My current layout uses Atlas-O track, and litter would have been too large. I also wanted to experiment with a foam roadbed under the track, which I had never done before. With this close-to-scale track and roadbed, I'm using a gray blend of Brennan's Better Ballast which I'm bonding with detergent-laden water followed by diluted white blue applied with a medicine dropper. Even in the hands of a novice at ballasting, this material looks amazingly realistic.	7/2/2015 9:38 PM

Q6 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: 20 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
I'm a current member of the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA).	100.00% 20
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: 20	