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Using the connection between cotorsion pairs and model categories, established by Hovey in 2002, we define, for any ring, a model category whose homotopy category is the stable derived category studied by Krause and others. This construction makes general properties of the stable derived category evident; for example it is a triangulated category and projective modules are trivial. In particular we provide a description of the stable derived category of $k[x, y]/(x^2, xy, y^2)$, where k is a field. (Received September 15, 2010)