



by George Farmer

An orange-red abundance of *Rotala Macrandra* frames the central roots along with vivid light green *Cuba-Hemianthus*. Thin transparent straws of the high *Eleocharis* sp. make the layout look deep and full of perspective. *Hydrocotyle* and *Nymphoides* are both fast-growing and they require regular trimming. The low, compact growth of *Bacopa 'Compact'* is a result of continuous cutting and replanting of top shoots.

Plant D on the drawing is *Penthorum sedoides*, which is no longer produced by Tropica.

Technique

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| Aquarium: | IHM MÜLLER |
| Volume: | 300 L |
| Light: | 4 x 54 W (T5 Daylight) |
| Substrate: | Tropica substrate |
| Gravel: | Råda sand 0,8-1,2 mm |
| Decoration: | Sumatra Driftwood |
| Filter: | 2 x Eheim pumps 600 L/h |
| CO2: | Approx. 25 mg/L |
| Fertiliser (weekly): | 70 mL Premium + 180 mL Specialised |
| Maintenance (hours per week): | 1-2 |

Plants used in this layout

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| A) | <i>Rotala macrandra</i> | (032 TC) | 2 pcs. |
| B) | <i>Eleocharis montevidensis</i> | (132D) | 5 pcs. |
| C) | <i>Hydrocotyle tripartita</i> | (039B) | 3 pcs. |
| D) | | () | 6 pcs. |
| E) | <i>Bacopa monnieri 'Compact'</i> | (044A) | 7 pcs. |
| F) | <i>Echinodorus 'Reni'</i> | (072D) | 3 pcs. |
| G) | <i>Nymphoides hydrophylla 'Taiwan'</i> | (041B) | 1 pcs. |
| H) | | () | 4 pcs. |
| H) | <i>Helanthium tenellum 'Green'</i> | (067A TC) | 4 pcs. |
| I) | <i>Micranthemum callitrichoides 'Cuba'</i> | (048B) | 8 pcs. |
| J) | <i>Taxiphyllum</i> sp. 'Flame Moss' | (003H TC) | 2 pcs. |
| K) | <i>Hygrophila pinnatifida</i> | (051A) | 2 pcs. |