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A classic nano "Nature Aquarium" layout based around one piece of driftwood and small pieces of mini landscape rock. Most plants used are 1-2-Grow, which are perfect for aquascaping a small aquarium. The fine textures of the plants enhance the sense of scale. The relatively large selection of species help to create a naturalistic and wild feel to the layout.

Floating *Salvinia natans* provides shade to prevent algae and slows the growth of otherwise fast growing stem plants. Splashes of red from the *Alternanthera* and *Palustris* add interest and the small *Eleocharis 'mini'* provides the perfect foreground.

### Maintenance

First week - 50% water change every day.  
 Second week - 50% water change 3 times per week.  
 Third week - 50% water change 2 times per week.  
 After one month - 25% water change 2 times per week.  
 1 pump of Tropica Specialised per day.  
 Filter cleaned every 2 weeks.  
 Plants pruned every 2 weeks, as necessary.

## Technique

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| Aquarium:                     | CUBE30 X 30 X 30 CM                           |
| Volume:                       | 25 L  |
| Light:                        | 1x 27 W T5 Daylight                           |
| Substrate:                    | Tropica Aquarium Soil                         |
| Gravel:                       | Tropica Aquarium Soil                         |
| Decoration:                   | Sumatra wood                                  |
| Filter:                       | Internal filter 300 L/h                       |
| CO2:                          | Liquid carbon fertiliser - 2ml per day        |
| Fertiliser (weekly):          | 1.2ml Specialised fertiliser per day (1 pump) |
| Maintenance (hours per week): | <1/2  |

## Plants used in this layout

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|----|--|-----------|--------|
| A) | <i>Salvinia minima</i>                   | (011 TC)  | 1 pcs. |
| B) | <i>Proserpinaca palustris</i> 'Cuba'     | (037C TC) | 1 pcs. |
| C) | <i>Rotala indica</i> 'Bonsai'            | (033E TC) | 1 pcs. |
| D) | <i>Alternanthera reineckii</i> 'Mini'    | (023C TC) | 1 pcs. |
| E) | <i>Helanthium tenellum</i> 'Green'       | (067A TC) | 1 pcs. |
| F) | <i>Eleocharis pusilla</i> 'Mini'         | (132B TC) | 3 pcs. |
| G) | <i>Pogostemon deccanensis</i>            | (053F TC) | 1 pcs. |
| H) | <i>Anubias barteri</i> 'Petite'          | (101H)    | 3 pcs. |
| I) | <i>Eleocharis montevidensis</i>          | (132D)    | 1 pcs. |
| J) | <i>Taxiphyllum barbieri</i> 'Bogor Moss' | (003 TC)  | 1 pcs. |
| K) | <i>Staurogyne repens</i>                 | (049G TC) | 2 pcs. |