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In most pet shops it's easy to find a starter aquarium kit. It is a complete set containing aquarium, light, heater and filter. Most beginners would like a thriving aquarium with bold colours and a large number of fish. However, experience shows that a starter kit often provides low lighting levels so there are only few plants suitable to this type of aquarium. We have for this set-up chosen standard plants only! *Microsorium* and *Cryptocoryne* are both slow growing and *Echinodorus* and *Vallisneria* to create volume in the aquarium. *Limnophila* is centrally planted, right under the light and is an example of a plant that grows fast and which helps creating a good balance in the aquarium.

TIP! By using AquaDecor products with plants like *Microsorium* and *Anubias* for the set-up, the aquarium will look more adapted from the start. These products are already well established on root or lavastone.

Technique

Aquarium:	EHEIM
Volume:	54 L
Light:	T8 15W
Gravel:	2 mm sand
Filter:	Vita Tech 5L/min.
Fertiliser (weekly):	Premium Fertiliser 5 ml
Maintenance (hours per week):	<1/2

Plants used in this layout

A)	<i>Echinodorus grisebachii</i> 'Bleherae'	(071)	1 pcs.
B)	<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i>	(047)	1 pcs.
C)		()	1 pcs.
D)	<i>Cryptocoryne wendtii</i> 'Tropica'	(109E)	1 pcs.
E)		()	1 pcs.
E)	<i>Microsorium pteropus</i> 'Windeløv'	(008B YWS)	1 pcs.
F)	<i>Cryptocoryne parva</i>	(106)	1 pcs.