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The aquarium that looks great from the beginning and is easy to maintain. *Echinodorus bleheri* and *Ludwigia* grow fast and ensure, just like the numerous AquaDecor products, that the aquarium quickly reaches a fine biological balance. The numerous, big leaves and the large, dark lava blocks give the aquarium weight, piece and harmony. *Echinodorus quadricostatus* creeps out between the lava blocks. *Spiky-moss* and *Cryptocorynes* are growing vigorously on minor lava stones, and very small lava stones, spread out in the front, complete the image.

**Tip!** Large, calm fish will enhance the image of this aquarium. E.g. a couple of beautiful *Discus* (*Symphysodon discus*) or *Scalare* (*Pterophyllum scalare*) combined with a little shoal of *Corydoras*.

## Technique

Aquarium:	IHM MÜLLER
Volume:	300 L
Light:	T5 Daylight 4 x 54W
Substrate:	Tropica substrate
Gravel:	Grain size 0.8-1.2 mm, black/Fiji from Unipac
Filter:	Built-in filter back wall w/ 2 Eheim pumps 600 l/h
CO2:	25 mg/L
Fertiliser (weekly):	100 ml Premium Fertiliser + 150 ml Specialised
Maintenance (hours per week):	½-1

## Plants used in this layout

A)	<i>Ludwigia repens</i> 'Rubin'	(033D)	2 pcs.
B)	<i>Echinodorus grisebachii</i> 'Bleherae'	(071)	6 pcs.
C)	<i>Helanthium bolivianum</i> 'Quadricostatus'	(068)	3 pcs.
D)	<i>Echinodorus</i> 'Reni'	(072D)	4 pcs.
E)	<i>Taxiphyllum</i> sp. 'Spiky Moss'	(003G POR)	4 pcs.
F)	<i>Aegagropila linnaei</i>	(000C ST)	4 pcs.
G)	<i>Cryptocoryne beckettii</i> 'Petchii'	(108A YLS)	8 pcs.
H)	<i>Microsorium pteropus</i> 'Narrow'	(008A YWS)	2 pcs.
I)	<i>Microsorium pteropus</i> 'Windeløv'	(008B YWS)	1 pcs.
J)	<i>Microsorium pteropus</i>	(008 YLS)	1 pcs.
K)	<i>Microsorium pteropus</i>	(008 YWS)	1 pcs.
L)	<i>Anubias barteri</i> var. <i>caladiifolia</i>	(101U)	2 pcs.