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A classic layout that is easy to maintain with slow growing, easy plants - here with several *Cryptocorynes* and *Microsorium*. The layout has been built up around the nano root and the small, round stones in a Fluval Edge 46L with LED-lighting. *Microsorium* is the focus area and the different Crypts form the fore-, middle- and background. In the front, there is *parva*, low with small fresh green leaves. In the middle, there are several *wendtii*-types and in the back, there is *balansae* with the curly leaves. This selection of plants means that no trimming of the plants is required within the first couple of months.

Tip! George has applied used filter material which makes it possible for him to add *Cardinal tetra* immediately. Besides being beneficial to the environment for the fish, the reuse of the filter material also provides a faster balance in the aquarium.

Technique

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| Volume: | 46 L |
| Light: | LED-lighting with 42 spots |
| Gravel: | Unipac Fiji quartz sand |
| Filter: | Internal filter |
| CO2: | 0 |
| Fertiliser (weekly): | 7 ml Specialised Fertiliser + 7 ml Easy-Life Carb |
| Maintenance (hours per week): | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Plants used in this layout

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| A) | <i>Cryptocoryne parva</i> | (106) | 5 pcs. |
| B) | <i>Cryptocoryne x willisii</i> | (107) | 2 pcs. |
| C) | <i>Cryptocoryne wendtii</i> 'Green' | (109) | 2 pcs. |
| D) | <i>Cryptocoryne crispatula</i> | (125) | 4 pcs. |
| E) | <i>Microsorium pteropus</i> 'Narrow' | (008A) | 2 pcs. |