



by Tropica

Rich tropical pond with great water depth. We see a colour play in the selection of plants and the theme is a place of calmness, darkness and some mystique. Because of the great water depth very little light reaches the bottom. Vesuvius is set up in a quiet background so that its characteristic growth does itself justice. The background falls from left to right in a mixture of colours and leaf shapes. Fresh green plants decorate the middle and the foreground and create a nice contrast to the dark roots. A mixture of the dark "Spiky" moss and *Utricularia*. The aquarium is intended for neon fish and other shining shoal fish.

**Tips!** Wood roots release acids into the water that colour it yellow. This can be avoided by keeping the roots under water before using them in the aquascape- and afterwards, by frequent water changes.

**Note:** Plant A on the drawing is *Echinodorus uruguayensis* which is no longer produced by Tropica. Can be replaced by *Echinodorus bleheri*.

## Technique

|                               |                                               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Volume:                       | 360 L                                         |
| Light:                        | T5 8 x 28W                                    |
| Gravel:                       | Gravel 0.8-1.2 mm                             |
| Filter:                       | Eheim Professional II                         |
| CO2:                          | 25 mg/L                                       |
| Fertiliser (weekly):          | 60 ml Premium Fertiliser + 120 ml Specialised |
| Maintenance (hours per week): | ½-1                                           |

## Plants used in this layout

|     |                                              |           |         |
|-----|----------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| B)  | <i>Hygrophila polysperma</i><br>'Rosanervig' | (050B)    | 5 pcs.  |
| C)  | <i>Heteranthera zosterifolia</i>             | (096 TC)  | 5 pcs.  |
| D)  | <i>Nymphoides hydrophylla</i><br>'Taiwan'    | (041B)    | 3 pcs.  |
| E)  | <i>Hygrophila lancea</i><br>'Araguaia'       | (051B TC) | 5 pcs.  |
| F)  |                                              | ( )       | 3 pcs.  |
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| G)  | <i>Echinodorus</i> 'Reni'                    | (072D)    | 3 pcs.  |
| H+) | <i>Pogostemon deccanensis</i>                | (053F)    | 3 pcs.  |
| J)  | <i>Hydrocotyle tripartita</i>                | (039B)    | 3 pcs.  |
| K)  |                                              | ( )       | 4 pcs.  |
| K)  | <i>Ranunculus inundatus</i>                  | (022C TC) | 4 pcs.  |
| L)  | <i>Taxiphyllum</i> sp. 'Flame Moss'          | (003H TC) | 5 pcs.  |
| M)  |                                              | ( )       | 2 pcs.  |
| N)  | <i>Eleocharis parvula</i>                    | (132C)    | 20 pcs. |