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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

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

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.