



by Fabian Beck

"With this scape I wanted to prove myself that everything can be made when you only want to. I found inspiration in an aquascaping book and thought that this might be hard to copy but I wanted to give it a try. The easier part was the submerged area with plants that easily assimilate under water. For the terrestrial part it was hard to find the perfect plants. I wanted to grow Bolbitis but I found out that it might take forever. Besides Bolbitis I wanted to have some Anubias species around the wood reaching above the surface. I couldn't find the one that was mentioned in the book and went for Agustifolia instead. In the beginning I tried to cover the emersed plants with foil to prevent them from drying out but even after a few month the leafs suffered from the dry air of my flat. In the back of the tank I used wabikusa balls that I planted with Echinodorus Rose and Hygrophila corymbosa. That plant really went wild and grew out crazily but I decided to take it out for the final shot of the tank. I highly recommend this plant if you want to achieve a wild jungle look above the watersurface."

said Fabian Beck

Technique

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| Aquarium: | ADA 60P |
| Volume: | 54 L |
| Light: | Twinstar 600 SP (44W) |
| Substrate: | JBL Volcano, Tropica Aquarium Soil |
| Gravel: | ADA La Plata sand |
| Decoration: | Iron Wood |
| Filter: | JBL e702 |
| CO2: | 30mg/l |
| Fertiliser (weekly): | Tropica Specialised Nutrition 6ml/2days, Nutritio |
| Maintenance (hours per week): | ½-1 |

Plants used in this layout

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| 1) | Micranthemum tweediei 'Monte Carlo' | (025 TC) | 12 pcs. |
| 2) | Fissidens fontanus | (002F) | 2 pcs. |
| 3) | Anubias barteri 'Petite' | (101H) | 3 pcs. |
| 4) | Anubias barteri var. glabra | (101C) | 5 pcs. |
| 5) | Bucephalandra pygmaea 'Bukit Kelam' | (139 TC) | 1 pcs. |
| 6) | Echinodorus 'Rosé' | (072B) | 2 pcs. |
| 7) | Hygrophila corymbosa | (053 BDT) | 2 pcs. |
| 8) | Vesicularia ferriei 'Weeping Moss' | (003B POR) | 2 pcs. |
| 9) | Taxiphyllum sp. 'Spiky Moss' | (003G TC) | 2 pcs. |