



Technique

Aquarium:	50 X 34 X 34CM	
Volume:	57 L	
Light:	TMC Aquabar 'T' series ultra daylight 380mm twin	
Gravel:	Unipac fine Fiji sand 12.5Kg	
Decoration:	Rocks	
Filter:	Interpet CF1 filter	
CO2:	No	
Fertiliser (weekly):	6 ml of Tropica Premium fertiliser daily	
Maintenance (hours per week):	<1/2	



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The setup

I set up this aquarium for my toddler as he had shown a keen interest in Guppy. I wanted the setup to be both easy to install and to maintain. I primarily used Tropica AquaDecor to speed up the planting process and chose species that would thrive without CO2 injection. By adding a cleaning crew that consisted of 5 Amano shrimps and 4 Otocinclus catfish maintenance was kept to an absolute minimum.

Daily task

- * Dose 6 ml of Tropica premium fertiliser
- * Feed the fish and check their general health.

Weekly tasks (15 to 20 minutes)

- * Clean the tank glass
- * Remove any dead or damaged leaves
- * Clear the filter inlet of any debris
- * 50% water change with dechlorinated tap water
- * Replace the disposable filter wool cartridge
- * Give the bio media a light rinse in used tank water.

Plants used in this layout

1)	Microsorum pteropus 'Narrow'	(008A YWS)	1 pcs.
2)	Microsorum pteropus 'Trident'	(008G YWS)	1 pcs.
3)	Taxiphyllum barbieri 'Bogor Moss'	(003 YLS)	2 pcs.
4)	Taxiphyllum sp. 'Spiky Moss'	(003G POR)	3 pcs.