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The choice of only 4 different plants gives the aquarium an incredibly consistent, simple and harmonious image. The soft, calm lawn by *Eleocharis 'Mini'* (that stays low and does not require mowing) accentuates the forms and colours of *Myriophyllum*, *Rotala sp. bonsai* and *Hydrocotyle*, just like the merging in the colour tone of the fine-leafed, warm orange red *Myriophyllum* and the terminals on *Rotala* are very effective. Upright dragon rocks stop the fall from the right towards to the left for a short moment and allow the eye to linger on the details of each plant.

Tip! Please notice the diversity of especially the red-coloured plants. There are warm and cold shades with tones of e.g. orange, brown or purple. Choose red plants that harmonize in either the cold, minor undertone or the warm orange.

Note: Plant A on the drawing is *Myriophyllum tuberculatum* which is no longer produced by Tropica. Can be replaced by another red stem plant.

Technique

Aquarium:	IHM MÜLLER
Volume:	100 L
Light:	T5 Daylight 4 x 24W
Substrate:	Tropica substrate
Gravel:	Råda sand 0.8-1.2 mm.
Filter:	Built-in filter back wall w/Eheim pump 600 l/h
CO2:	25 mg/L
Fertiliser (weekly):	50 ml Premium Fertiliser + 50 ml Specialised
Maintenance (hours per week):	<½

Plants used in this layout

A)	()	2 pcs.
B)	<i>Hydrocotyle tripartita</i> (039B)	2 pcs.
C)	<i>Rotala indica 'Bonsai'</i> (033E TC)	2 pcs.
D)	<i>Eleocharis acicularis 'Mini'</i> (132B TC)	3 pcs.