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Red groups of *Rotala macrandra* and *Alternanthera 'Mini'* create focus plants in various shades of green - see video for a close up on the macrandra. The central tree root with mounted Christmas moss makes the aquarium look older, while the fresh green carpet of *Cuba Hemianthus* gives a light and friendly impression. Here, we used both *Lilaeopsis* and *Cryptocoryne parva* to break the passage between the central island and the front carpet. The darker green leaves of the *Lilaeopsis* and *parva* work well with the light green *Hemianthus*.

**Tip!** The tall *Eleocharis* is great for creating depth and perspective, since you can see through the straws.

## Technique

Aquarium:	IHM MÜLLER
Volume:	100 L
Light:	T5 Daylight 4 x 24W
Gravel:	Råda sand 0.8-1.2 mm.
Filter:	Eheim pump 600
CO2:	25 mg/L
Fertiliser (weekly):	50 ml Premium Fertiliser + 50 ml Specialised
Maintenance (hours per week):	½-1

## Plants used in this layout

A)	( )	1 pcs.
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B)	<i>Rotala macrandra</i>	(032 TC) 1 pcs.
C)	<i>Eleocharis montevidensis</i>	(132D) 2 pcs.
D)	<i>Lilaeopsis brasiliensis</i>	(040) 2 pcs.
E)	<i>Alternanthera reineckii 'Mini'</i>	(023C TC) 1 pcs.
F)	<i>Cryptocoryne parva</i>	(106) 6 pcs.
G)	<i>Hemianthus callitrichoides 'Cuba'</i>	(048B) 6 pcs.
H)	<i>Vesicularia montagnei 'Christmas'</i>	(003A POR) 3 pcs.