

[STEP2]

Let's make layout composition

The layout composition is the base of the Nature Aquarium. The conceptual framework is compositional materials such as rock and driftwood. Here, in Step 2, driftwood is used for the layout.



! The driftwood sold by ADA can be used immediately, but the water may turn slightly brown at first due to natural tannins in the wood. To avoid this, simply soak the driftwood in water for 2-3 weeks prior to using it in the aquarium.

1 First, select the driftwood for the layout. By using 2-3 pieces, you can often more easily express distance and perspective. Be sure to select pieces that will fit the 60cm tank.

2 Tie Fontinalis antipyretica around the driftwood with MOSS COTTON. Tying is much easier if you take the driftwood out of the aquarium. MOSS COTTON will dissolve naturally by the time the Fontinalis attaches and begins growing on the driftwood.



MOSS COTTON



Try to first imagine natural moss growing on wood, then attach Fontinalis antipyretica.



Cut extra Fontinalis antipyretica



Attach using MOSS COTTON



! Avoid drying of the Fontinalis. Fontinalis will dry out very quickly, so use an atomizer or plant sprayer/misting bottle to keep the Fontinalis moss and all the other plants moist while you layout the tank.

3 Use RICCIA LINE to attach Fontinalis moss to Fuji Rocks and place the rocks around the base of the driftwood. Carefully select stone sizes that will both help stabilize the driftwood and harmonize naturally with the driftwood. Adding too many rocks decreases the space for the plants, so keep this in mind so there is plenty of space for planting.

! Adding some water. Spraying water over a small dish is a good way to spray water without disturbing the layout.



Place Fontinalis at base of driftwood.



Carefully add small Riccia stones.



Add water carefully.

Riccia preparation



RICCIA LINE

Gently tie Riccia around small Fuji Rocks in advance. Take care not to damage the Riccia in the process.