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# Setting Up A Tropical Aquarium Week By Week



## Synopsis

A practical guide to setting up and maintaining a new aquatic ecosystem. New fish-keepers are quite often impatient to set up their aquarium and want to add their new, expensive fish as soon as possible. This common misstep can have disastrous results that may discourage beginners from ever trying again. *Setting Up a Tropical Aquarium Week by Week* is an encyclopedic reference that concentrates on establishing and maintaining a viable tropical freshwater aquarium. The book uses detailed photographic sequences to follow each stage of setting up an aquarium in real time over 10 weeks. Setup starts with the installation of the substrate and life-support systems and progresses to when the first fish are added two weeks later. The book then follows the development of the aquarium's environment during the next eight weeks, as the tank turns from an artificial into a living ecosystem. The book also profiles 50 common aquarium plants and 100 popular warm freshwater aquarium fish. Throughout, the author explains the natural processes as they occur, so that fish-keepers can ensure their ongoing success. With expert counsel, clear instructions and simple-to-follow illustrations, *Setting Up a Tropical Aquarium Week by Week* is the essential reference for the first-time tropical freshwater fish hobbyist.

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## Customer Reviews

Wow, I wish they had a book like this when I started fish keeping. I think there would be fewer fish in heaven if I had a book this informative. From tank choice to maintenance, the 12 weeks this book covers is jam packed with practical information. This book includes helpful information on plants,

filters, fish choice, fish diseases and much more. The step-by-step photos are great and extremely easy to follow. The information is timeless and very well done. This is a great gift for anyone who has or wants to get a fish tank.

This is a great and complete reference for the beginning to experienced aquarist. Excellent photos demonstrate what the text explains. The author not only introduces the more difficult technical procedures for keeping an aquarium, but clearly explains how to implement them and the natural processes they affect. I also particularly enjoyed that the author frequently discusses the latest innovations and equipment for the home aquarium. If there was one book for the aquarist that I would recommend, it would be this one.

This reference book provides a sequence of events from beginning to build your aquarium with the end result of producing and maintaining an attractive and healthy tank environment for the fish you put in it. It is abundant with pictures. It discusses many species of fish and lets you know which can get along together in your community tank. It explains how to be creative in building your aquarium with wood, rocks and plants. There are also sections on plants, filtration options, lighting and cleaning. It is a wonderful book for anyone who takes their hobby seriously. It is very informative and provides a wealth of information. It is not difficult to review this book; it is wonderful. It covers so many areas that it is impractical to list them all here. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to take the time to create a unique tropical aquarium and learn a lot in the process.

After a ten year break I decided to get back into aquarium keeping. I knew the basics but I was a little rusty on all the details. This book was a perfect refresher course on all of the intricacies of keeping a tropical aquarium - and I learnt a ton of new stuff too. I am setting up a 10 gallon quarantine tank (in my office) and a 29 gallon display tank (in the living room). I have followed this book page by page and a few weeks later my tanks are ready to accept fish - yes, I'm going shopping this weekend! The author covers every aspect of setting up a new tank. Filters, lighting, substrate, food, you name it - it's all here. The explanation about the critical subject of water chemistry is the best I've read anywhere. There's also a ton of info about plants if you want to get into that side of things. He then goes on to recommend the most appropriate kinds of fish for each stage in the development of your new aquarium - all great information from someone who clearly knows what he's talking about. The book itself is full color, with lots of graphs and charts to hold your interest. The photographs are excellent. So, all in all, a great reference for the beginner. Highly

recommended. Glad I bought it.[And, no, I'm not the author's close friend or business associate!]

There are plenty of books on the market which discuss the home tropical aquarium, from choosing fish to maintenance: so what makes Stuart Thraves' *Setting Up A Tropical Aquarium Week By Week* so special? It's his weekly focus on the project, from day one to week 12, which offers step-by-step clear instructions on how to correctly set up a tropical freshwater aquarium. Lighting systems, cleaning and filtering systems, fish choice and feeding plants: all are given photo embellishments and very clear direction.

I have just set up a 45 gallon aquarium, and I followed this book as I went along - I now have a beautiful aquarium, with healthy fish! I have tried the aquarium hobby in the past, but never successful as this. If you are a beginner, this is the book to buy. Here's why: very clear instructions and explanations, without over-doing the science speech, and yet remains comprehensive. There are beautiful full color photos with each step of the set-up. For one example, I bought a piece of bogwood from a local fish dealer, they did not tell me to soak the wood first. But I followed the pictures and instructions in this book, and I ended up with a beautiful piece of bogwood/aquascape that did not turn my aquarium water brown. Beautiful! I do have other books for beginning a tropical aquarium, but this is the one I only really needed. I absolutely love the photos of each step. The author explains something, and there's a full color photo to illustrate it. I'm a visual learner so this was perfect for me. If you want to learn about plants, the author goes into great detail needed to plant a beautiful aquarium, and keep the plants healthy. There are many photos and information of plants you can add to your aquarium. The author describes (in easy to read) step-by-step how to set up the aquarium, and also how to maintain it, keeping it beautiful for your fish and plants. Again, those lovely photos each step of the way! This is not a fish reference guide, although the book does give detailed information on what fish to buy first, second, and third. More gorgeous photos. In my opinion, this is the book to buy if you are setting up a new tropical aquarium. In short - the book is easy to read, comprehensive, with beautiful photos each step of the way. Perfect!

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