

## Homemaking by single person households in the northern part of the Netherlands

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**Area of Research:** Homemaking



*'This for me is homemaking: to drop your own beans'  
(Photo and quote by W. Haringa, villager Provence of Friesland)*

**Research Methodology:** The concept of appropriation is at the core of the conceptual model and the methods applied. The data collection consists of in-depth interviews with 40 participants. To prepare for the interview, the participants are asked to submit 7 'homemade' photographs. These photographs serve as 'visual triggers' for the in-depth interviews which take place in the home environment of the participants. The sample includes 20 women and 20 men, (aged 24-69), who are homeowners; half of them live in an urban and half live in a rural context, thus resulting in four cases (women urban; women rural; men urban; men rural) that will be analyzed comparatively. A separate analysis of the homemade photographs is under consideration.

### Key Publications:

- Terlaak Poot, J.M. (2014). Homemaking by single person households in the northern part of the Netherlands. Working paper ENHR Annual Conference, 30 June – 5 July, Edinburgh.



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**Main questions:** How do single person households use their home environment as a means for homemaking?

How do single person households, experience and perceive their homemaking practices?

**Deliverables:**  
Publication of a dissertation in the form of a monography on Homemaking

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