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

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> '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:**