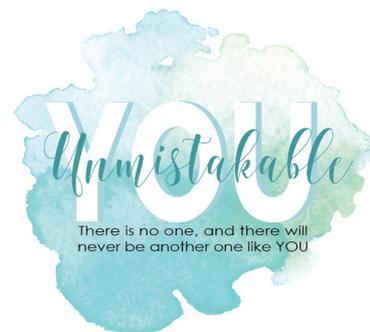


10. There is no place quite like HOME

HOME *Sweet Home*



So what makes a House a Home?

Do you ever hear people saying House Sweet House.

No - its always Home Sweet Home and there is a reason for that.

A house, no matter how beautiful, is only made up of walls and a roof. Filling it with the most modern or expensive furnishings, making it look like something from a glossy magazine will never make it a home. A home is entirely different - a home is made up of what is inside. Even the word itself has that feeling of warmth.

A home is lived in. Mine has newspapers strewn across the table, shoes kicked off, blankets thrown over couches, dirty dishes in the sink, coffee cups on the benches, and even some beds left unmade. It has fingerprints on the windows, pets that cuddle up on the couches and beds, junk drawers and did I mention piles of laundry.

A lawn that needs to be mowed, a garden that needs tending too out the back and a hundred jobs that need to be done. But every one of these things remind me of who lives here.

A home is comfort. A home is inviting. A place you can come home to, whip off that bra, throw on your trackies and wear what you want without worrying what people think. It's a place where you can slow down, stop and relax. It's a place you can be yourself.

A home is a special place where you feel safe. It's filled with simple possessions that you have collected that make you smile when you look at them. It's your own little corner of God's earth that you can call your own.

There really is no place quite like Home.

It doesn't matter whether you have lived in two or ten places. Each one of these will hold special memories for you.

Some of you will have shifted many more times than myself and so may want to do this over a number of pages. Some of you may want to dedicate one page to each house. Like I've said previously, treat each of these page prompts like a chapter heading - so then if you want to slot in other pages - please feel welcome to do so.

Some of you may want to show your house before or after renovations. It is entirely up to you what photos you included on this page.

Make sure you remember to write the date you lived in each one and their addresses.

There is something about looking back or visiting your old homes just to see what they look like now. Spend time remembering some of the memories you made in each one and still making where you are now..

