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Queer Space

For this project, I photographed LGBTQIA+ young adults in their bedrooms and living spaces. My interest in these spaces stems from a desire to find places that feel like home. In my search, home does not necessarily need to be defined as the four walls in which a person lives. I would rather define "home" as a place where the subject feels safe, accepted, loved, and at peace.

A safe space is categorized by being an environment in which a person or persons can feel confident they will not be exposed to discrimination, criticism, harassment, or any other emotional or physical harm. Unfortunately, not all public spaces are designed with the hope of safe spaces for queer individuals. My goal in these images is to celebrate individuality, pride, fearlessness, and strength.

Image List:

1. Liz, 2017
Archival Inkjet Print
15.25 each x 10.25; 10.25 x 22.5
2. Manuel, 2016
Archival Inkjet Print
15.25 each x 10.25; 10.25 x 22.5
3. Julie, 2016
Archival Inkjet Print
15.25 each x 10.25; 10.25 x 22.5
4. Riss, 2017
Archival Inkjet Print
15.25 each x 10.25; 10.25 x 22.5
5. Patrick, 2017
Archival Inkjet Print
15.25 each x 10.25; 10.25 x 22.5









