LEARNING TO LOVE THE LITERATURE REVIEW
And my million dollar question is....

- How does birth unit design impact midwives in the hospital setting?
An exploratory descriptive study...

- Part of the Birth Unit Design Project
- 21 photo elicitation interviews
- Midwives who have worked in 5 differently designed birth units in one hospital
- Thesis by publication
Ups and downs...
Engaging with the literature...
The Literature Review Process

1. Select a topic
2. Search & Choose the literature
3. Analyse and Interpret the literature
4. Write the review
Actually felt like this...
What does it all mean?
Maxwell said...

“Study design requires thinking about the connections between the pieces – the implications that each piece has for others – throughout the process.”

Newton et al said...

“Qualitative research is full of diversity.”

Kamler & Thomson said...
Hands on hips stance...
A different kind of literature review.

- Section 1 – early reading and its influence on underpinning beliefs + positioning the researcher
- Section 2 – a scoping review identifying 27 papers relevant to the research question
- Section 3 – qualitative analysis of the findings and discussion sections of the 27 papers
Flexibility and diversity.
Alignment.
Subjectivity.
Learning from others.
Support.
Thanks for listening.