

## Twitter Thread by Colette Shade

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**I'm on break, it's almost New Year's, and I can't do any more book proposal revisions today so I'm going to tweet about stuff I like. I was inspired by @erikhane's tweet about Pilot V5 pens (the only good pen).**

Best pen: Pilot V5 pen in black. It not only has a great glide, but the ink really sinks into everything from a legal pad to a nice cotton paper. I got into them after I started collecting stationery and needed something better than ballpoint. Now they're the only pen I use.

Speaking of which, what's the best notebook, you ask? It's the Moleskine Classic Softcover notebook in black, with RULED PAGES.

Best coffee preparation method: black French press coffee. I want coffee that tastes somewhat muddy but not as muddy as Turkish coffee (which is also good, but not something I usually have).

Best pajamas: L.L. Bean tartan flannel pajamas. Some of the ONLY pajamas that come in petite, tall, and plus sizes!!!

Best sheets, comforters, towels, etc: Garnet Hill. I'm very militant about this. Their flannel sheets are very thick and are made in Germany. All their stuff lasts for years and years. Get your bath mat at Target but nice sheets and towels will change your life.

Best cocktail: French 75. I'll pretty much only have one on a special occasion but they're the best. Champagne/prosecco, gin, lemon, and St. Germaine. It's floral, citrusy, and a bit herbal. There's really nothing more festive.

Best sweatpants: L.L. Bean women's slim ultrasoft sweatpants. They come in petite, plus, and tall sizes!! They're also the softest garment I've ever owned.

Best weather: brisk and sunny in October.

Most fun outdoor activity: Kayaking.

Best place to vacation in the U.S.: Midcoast Maine in July/August. It's rustic and wholesome in exactly the ways I like. I also love a bracing dip in cold seawater.

Coolest places to travel outside the U.S.: Vietnam, Kyoto, Paris, Crete

These four places don't have a lot in common but all offer unusually good/fresh food and a bunch of historic stuff to look at.

Okay I'm done. I'll be sure to add more the next time I'm bored.

Ok one more. Best donut: The Holy Donut in Portland, ME (their donuts are made with potatoes?!); Koe Donuts in Kyoto (their matcha and anko donuts are TDF); Peter Pan Donut in Brooklyn (get a Boston cream donut); cider donuts from Shelburne Orchards in Shelburne, VT