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Since before the dawn of recorded history, people have wondered what to do with the small fragment of soap after it gets too small to handle. Consider this.



When the bar of soap is getting small, but before it's too small to handle, place it to soak in a small amount of water in a saucer or small dish. Also, place a new bar of soap to soak in a small amount of water in another saucer or small dish. After a few minutes, take them out of the water, press the soaked sides of them together, and oscillate them back and forth while pressing them firmly together. Sit them aside to dry. The next day, they'll be one bar of soap.

Another option is to take the new bar of soap into the shower with you. Use both the fragment of soap and the new bar of soap during your shower, one after the other. At the end of your shower, after both the fragment of soap and the new bar of soap have become softened, press them firmly together and oscillate them back and fourth. Sit them in the soap dish in the shower, to dry. The next day, they'll be stuck together, one bar of soap.

Thus, you can always use the entire bar of soap without wasting any and without having to handle a tiny sliver of soap. You might say that, by using this method, I've been using the same bar of soap for several decades.

This idea might work better with some brands of soap than it does with others, depending on the chemical formulation of the soap. I use Ivory soap, which is 99 44/100% pure. I don't know what the other 56/100% is but it doesn't seem to interfere with sticking the fragment of soap to the new bar of soap.

In connection with this idea, it might be useful to read my article *Stupidity and Greed: Ingredients of Capitalism*, on page 5 of the February 2006 issue of the *Frontiersman*.