

First, you need a new bar of soap, of your choice, or your punisher's choice.
Second, You should also have a tongue depressor, or a Popsicle stick.
Third, you should have a pocket knife with a long blade, preferable sharp.
Fourth, you should have some type of protection for the hands, as carving gloves or leather gloves to protect, yet still let you work.

Ensure that the soap is dry, and not unsightly, should be a new bar. (as I already mentioned). Decide what end your stick will show from, and trace the outline of the edge of the stick from one end, with the knife, onto that side end of the bar of soap.

Slowly and carefully start with a small slice into the soap. Make the slit about twice the size of the stick. Time is not important, do NOT rush it. Quality is what counts. (If you damage the soap, eat it, and start over. Problem with that? I didn't think so!).

Next, place the stick across the soap to where you want the stick to show from. From one end into the middle. Make a little mark on the stick, so that it is not visible except to you. This is your measuring mark. As you insert the stick into the carved hole, you will see how far you have to go to finish the job.

Important note: Save all shavings from the carving. They will be used to repack the hole once the stick has been inserted into the soap. No water is to be applied at this time.

Continue the slow process of carving. The entrance should be about three times wider than the stick, to allow the knife to get deep into the soap without breaking the soap into pieces. Once you have sufficient depth into the soap with the stick. It should have a fairly tight and snug fit. Ensure that you press on the stick firmly. (You should find it wedges nicely into the soap).

At this point, the mark on the stick should be just inside the hole where the stick enters the soap. Start repacking the shavings of soap, largest pieces first, into the hole that the stick is in. You might find that smaller pieces work best to fill some areas better than the large. It doesn't really matter. The final presentation is what matters.

I recommend using another Popsicle stick to pack the soap shavings into the hole with the stick inserted. I'm sure that you will understand why once you work at this for a while.

I want to see some pics of everyone's attempts at making a Soap-sickle. I will write a special story for the best looking one, other than mine, that is. I will exclude myself from that part of this little course.

I will create a White Dial soap sickle and a Blue Coast soap-sickle as requested. I have some traveling to do next week. Anyone in the Atlanta area want to give me any pointers?

just thought I would ask. Remember, best pic/photo of a soap-sickle can get a story written about whatever they want, (please include mouthsoaping as part of it), and no Fudge-Soap-sickles from the store... (Yes, they make them and sell them at Everything's a Dollar. (That's where I got the idea. At least they used to sell them.)

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