

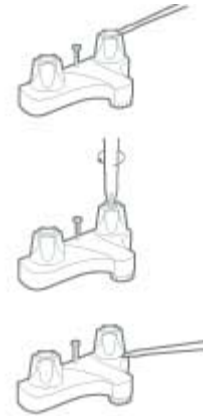
# Simple Repair of a Leaky Faucet

## Checklist

- Screwdrivers
- 8" adjustable wrench or 6" slip joint pliers
- Washer
- Faucet stem or O-ring

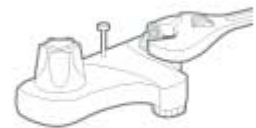
## One: Remove handle.

- Figure out where the leak is coming from.
  - Check to see if it's from the hot or cold faucet.
  - Determine if it's leaking out of the tap or the handle.
- If it's leaking from the tap, you need to replace the washer.
- If it's leaking from the handle, you'll have to replace the faucet stem or O-ring.
- Turn off the water at the shut-off valve under the sink.
- Open the faucet and drain any remaining water.
- Close the stopper in the sink bowl.
- Place a towel in the sink to protect against scratches or chips.



## Two: Remove stem assembly.

- Remove the decorative top from the faucet handle.
- Unscrew the exposed screw and remove the handle.
- Turn the lock nut counterclockwise with a wrench, and lift the stem assembly out.
- If the stem assembly sticks, try turning it counterclockwise to loosen the stem.
- At the bottom of the stem assembly, there is another screw.
- Remove it, and take off the washer underneath.



## Three: Replace the washer.

- Bring the washer on your trip to the hardware store in order to purchase an exact match to replace it.
- Also, if the screw looks worn, replace it with an exact match as well.



## Four: All quiet.

- Clean up any corrosion on the stem before replacing it.
- Replace the washer and the screw.
- Reinstall the stem.



- Put the lock nut back on.
- Attach faucet handle.
- Replace decorative cap.
- Turn on the water at the shut-off valve.
- Your faucet should be all quiet now.