TIGHT WAD

Bet you can stuff two handfuls of cotton into a full glass of water... with no spills!

THE SETUP
Fill a juice glass almost to the top with water. Get two large handfuls of cotton. Be sure to use real cotton, not a synthetic material (read the box). Put the cotton bit by bit into the glass of water. Fluff each piece as you wet it so that it is thoroughly saturated. Water may begin to bulge over the top of the glass, but if you are careful you can get the entire wad packed into the glass without spilling a single drop of water.

INSIDER INFORMATION
You can add all the material to an already full glass because cotton fibers are made of hollow plant cells filled with air. The water penetrates into the hollow areas, displacing the air. There is so little solid material in the cotton that it is able to fit into the glass.