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About this pattern: The ditty bags are an attractive and practical gift bag for seafarer Christmas presents.

Cut according to width of material:
(suggestions to maximize fabric)

If 36" wide, cut three 12" x 36" rectangles.

If 45" wide, cut four 11¼" x 36" rectangles.

If 60" wide, cut five 12" x 36" rectangles.

Note: We use the ditty bag to pack 2 knit/crochet pieces, a modest number of nonperishable snacks, several travel size toiletries, and a Christmas card.

Fold the material in half, right sides together.

Stitch ¼" side seams.

Fold top down 2".

Turn raw edge under ¼" and stitch hem.

Place another row of stitching 1" above hem, making a casing of 1" and a heading of ¾"

Turn bag right side out. With a seam ripper or razor blade, cut stitches to open 1" casing at each side.

Insert 1 shoelace in one seam opening. Bring completely around inside casing and exit at the same spot. Knot ends together.

Repeat in the other seam opening with the second shoelace. Laces should emerge from the outside of the bag, and when pulled simultaneously close the bag.

Skill Level 1:



Finished Measurements:
Approximately 12" by 15"

Materials: 1 yard of sturdy cloth (does not have to be Christmas themed)

1 pair of 30" shoelaces,
or 2 - 30" lengths of
twill tape, cording, or
macrame braid

