



DITTY BAG

Cut according to width of material:
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.

Finished size of ditty bag approximately 12" by 15"

Fold material in half, right sides together.
Stitch 18" 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 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 other seam opening with second shoelace. Laces should emerge from outside of bag, and when pulled simultaneously, should close bag.

Note: Bag may be made from different pieces of material.
Note: Please keep ditty bags exactly to the size of the pattern. If they are too big the gifts get lost. If they are too small, the bags are not usable. We try to make all of the gifts of similar value and size. Please help us by making all of the bags the same size.



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ABOUT THIS PATTERN

Make your own decorative packaging
for mariners' Christmas gifts.

MATERIALS

1 yard sturdy, brightly colored cloth
One pair 30" shoelaces, or two
30" lengths of twill tape, cording or
macrame braid or seam binding tape