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Ditty Bag

About this pattern: Ditty bags are an attractive and practical gift bag. "Ditties" are used to pack handmade garments, a modest number of nonperishable snacks, several travel-size toiletries, and a Christmas card.

Fold a 36" x 15" piece of fabric in half, so it measures 18" x 15" (right sides together).

Stitch ½" side seams.

Turn raw edge under ½" and stitch hem.

Fold top down 2" and stitch along bottom fold.

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

