



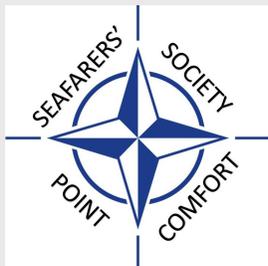
# DITTY BAG

## Instructions for sewing a simple drawstring bag.

Bags will be used to package gifts for our visiting Seafarers for the Christmas at Sea program in Point Comfort.

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The finished ditty bag is approximately 12" wide and 15" long. It can be completed with one drawstring or two.

### Materials:

One yard of sturdy, brightly colored fabric. Cut according to width of material:

- If 36" wide, cut three 12" by 36" rectangles
- If 45" wide, cut four 11¼" by 36" rectangles
- If 60" wide, cut five 12" by 36" rectangles

Two 30" lengths of twill tape, cording, seam binding tape, sturdy ¼" cord, shoelace, etc. for the two-drawstring method **OR** about one yard of similar cording for the single drawstring.

After cutting out the fabric rectangle but before sewing the two long sides of the bag, fold each of the two short sides of your fabric down an inch or two (depending on whether your drawstring is going to be narrow or wide), and stitch it down. (A heading of ½-¾" can also be sewn if desired.) This will create a narrow tube, open at each end, running across both short sides of the fabric for the drawstring casing.

Next, fold material in half, right sides together and sew up the two long sides. Begin stitching right at the hem line for the drawstring casing, and sew all the way to the bottom of the bag. Do not sew through the drawstring casing

Turn bag right side out.

Thread one drawstring through a casing opening on one side, all the way around the casings, and out on the beginning side. Knot the ends together.

Repeat this step with the second drawstring (if desired) from the other side. Drawstrings pulled simultaneously, should close bag.

Pulling two drawstrings tight, and then trying them together, will make a much more secure enclosure for the bag than a single drawstring but either style is acceptable.

***Please make all bags about the same size since they will be used to package gifts of similar value and size.***