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Materials:

- 1½ yards fabric
- Two 16 ½" lengths of 3/8" wood dowel rods
- One 8" x 17" piece of #7 plastic canvas
- Chalk Marker

Preparation:

Cut two pieces of fabric 27" wide x 29" high.
Cut 4" squares out of the bottom corners of each rectangle.
½" seam allowances included.

French Seam technique:

With wrong sides together, stitch ¼" seam. Trim to 1/8".
With right sides together, stitch ¼" to make an enclosed seam finish.

---Stitch side seams---

1. Using the **French seam technique**, stitch the sides and bottom of the bag, leaving the corners open.

---Stitch box corners---

2. Using the **French seam technique**, match the bottom seam with the side seam at each corner and stitch the diagonal seam.

---Add openings---

3. Fold the top of the bag ½" to the wrong side and edgestitch.

4. Fold the top 5 ½" down to the right side of the fabric (right sides together).

5. Chalk mark 5" wide x 4" high handle openings in the center front and center back of the bag. Starting 2" from the top fold, stitch along the marked lines. Trim, leaving ½" seam allowances. Clip to the corners.

6. Chalk mark the side openings 2 ½" down from the top and 8" wide. (4" from each side seam). Stitch along marked lines. Trim, leaving ½" seam allowances. Clip to the corners.

---Turn & Topstitch---

7. Turn the facing to the inside of the bag (wrong sides together) and press.

8. Topstitch the top of the bag ½" away from the seams, leaving openings for the dowel rod handles.

---Finishing---

9. Insert the dowel rods into each top opening.

10. Insert plastic canvas into bottom of bag.