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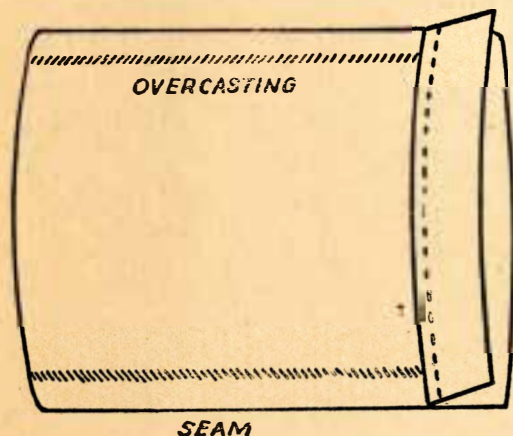
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THE SEWING BAG
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Material:

Gingham, galatea, cretonne, seersucker, Indian Head or linen crash. A piece of material 18 inches wide by 36 inches long makes a bag of good size. Thread to match. Three yards of cord, tape or ribbon or use rings.

Directions for Making:

Straighten edges of material by drawing a thread. Fold the material with ends together. Beginning at fold, baste to $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches of top.

Hand Sewing:

Make a plain seam down each side by sewing $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the edge using the combination stitch. Combination stitch consists of two or more running stitches and a back stitch. Take three running stitches, pull the thread through and put the needle in again in the place where it entered for the third running stitch, bring it out where the last stitch came out.

Pressing:

Open up seams and press flat.

Finishing the Seams:

Overcast raw edges of seams. Hold raw edge along cushion of the left fore finger. Insert needle $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from edge pointing needle to the left shoulder. Take loose stitches $\frac{1}{4}$ inch apart.

Finishing Sides at Top:

At the top where the 4 inches were left, press each raw edge back $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or the width of the seam taken. Turn under raw edge and make narrow hem using the hemming stitch, which is done by making small slanting stitches from the cloth through the hem. Keep stitches small and always point the needle toward the left shoulder. Always sew from the garment to the hem.

Hems:

Finish the top with a 2 inch hem. Make the first turning $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and the second turning 2 inches above that. This will make a 2 inch hem on the right side. Baste hem down and then sew using the hemming stitch.

Casing for Draw Strings:

To make a casing for the draw string measure up from the bottom of the hem $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and make a row of combination stitches.

Strings:

Cut the three yards of tape or ribbon in two equal pieces and run one string in through the casing from each side, allowing the loose ends of the strings to come out on opposite sides. Tie ends of strings, remove bastings, press and turn right side out.