

BANGLADESH APPAREL SOURCING MAP

From Product Idea to Shipment

A practical 10-step map for apparel buyers before sourcing garments from Bangladesh.

1 Product idea	2 Buyer brief	3 Tech pack	4 Supplier selection	5 Sampling
6 Costing and negotiation	7 Order confirmation	8 Production planning	9 Quality control	10 Shipment readiness

This simple map helps apparel buyers understand the key steps before sourcing garments from Bangladesh.

Before contacting suppliers

1. Product idea

Start with a clear product direction.

Include:

- Product type
- Target customer
- Design reference
- Fit expectation
- Target price level
- Selling season

2. Buyer brief

Prepare the basic sourcing information before contacting suppliers.

Include:

- Style description
- Fabric type
- GSM or weight
- Quantity
- Size range
- Colorways
- Print or embroidery details
- Trims
- Packaging
- Target delivery date

3. Tech pack

A tech pack helps the supplier understand exactly what needs to be made.

Include:

- Technical sketch
- Measurement spec
- POM details
- Tolerance
- Bill of materials
- Construction details
- Label and packaging instructions

4. Supplier selection

Do not choose a supplier only by price.

Check:

- Product category experience
- Production capacity
- MOQ
- Lead time
- Communication quality
- Compliance documents
- Sampling ability
- Quality control system

From sampling to order confirmation

5. Sampling

Sampling helps confirm fit, fabric, construction, color, trims, and workmanship before bulk production.

Common sample stages:

- Development sample
- Fit sample
- Size set sample
- Pre-production sample
- Shipment sample

6. Costing and negotiation

Good costing depends on clear product information.

Main cost factors:

- Fabric
- Trims
- Print or embroidery
- Wash
- CM
- Testing
- Packaging
- Overhead
- Margin
- Freight or shipping terms

7. Order confirmation

Before bulk production, confirm all commercial and technical details.

Check:

- Final price
- Quantity
- Size breakdown
- Color breakdown
- Delivery date
- Payment terms
- Approved sample
- Approved fabric and trims
- Purchase order

From production to shipment

8. Production planning

After order confirmation, the factory plans materials, cutting, sewing, finishing, inspection, and shipment.

Track:

- Fabric booking
- Trims booking
- PP meeting
- Cutting date
- Sewing progress
- Finishing progress
- Packing plan
- Inspection date
- Shipment date

9. Quality control

QC should not start only at final inspection.

Important checkpoints:

- Fabric inspection
- Trims check
- Pre-production meeting
- Inline inspection
- Measurement check
- Workmanship check
- Packing check
- Final inspection

10. Shipment readiness

Before cargo handover, make sure the goods and documents are ready.

Check:

- Final inspection result
- Packing list
- Commercial invoice
- Carton marks
- Shipping marks
- Booking confirmation
- Buyer approval records
- Shipment sample
- Final document review

Final note

Bangladesh can be a strong sourcing destination for apparel brands, private labels, importers, and sourcing teams.

But the best results come from a clear process, not only from finding a factory.

Start with the right information.

Choose the right supplier.

Control the process from idea to shipment.

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