

# First Order Preparation Pack

A guided sequence for taking a denim idea to a first production order — the order the other SkyKingdom templates plug into, stage by stage.

## Who this is for

Creator-led and first-time brands placing an initial denim order with no internal product team. This pack is the map: it shows the stages in order, what decision each stage settles, and which template to use at each step.

## How to use this template

- Work through the stages in sequence — each one depends on the one before it.
- Use the linked template at each stage rather than improvising.
- Treat an empty field anywhere as an open question to resolve before moving on.
- Keep all completed templates together as your first-order record.

## 1

## The Five Stages of a First Order

Each stage settles one decision and feeds the next.

Stage	What it settles	Use this template
1. Prepare the brief	What you actually want made	Denim Sampling Preparation Checklist
2. Specify the product	Fabric, fit, wash, trims, construction	Denim Tech Pack Template
3. Document the wash	A repeatable wash, not just a look	Wash Recipe Documentation Template
4. De-risk the jump to bulk	That bulk will match the sample	Sample-to-Bulk Risk Checklist
5. Set quality acceptance	What "passed" means	AQL Inspection Checklist

### Why order matters

Skipping straight to production is where first orders go wrong. A documented brief makes a better sample; a clear spec and wash recipe make the sample repeatable; risk and quality checks make bulk match what you approved.

## 2

**First-Order Readiness Self-Check**

Tick each item before you commit to a first production order.

- I have a clear, referenced brief (not just adjectives)
- I have decided fabric direction, or am open and have said so
- Fit direction is defined with a reference
- Target wash is shown with a reference image, not described in words
- A tech pack captures the spec in one versioned document
- The wash will be documented as a recipe before bulk
- I understand sample and bulk can differ, and how that is managed
- An AQL level and inspection stage are agreed
- Target market labeling requirements are noted
- Quantity and a realistic timeline basis are understood

**On timelines and minimums**

Lead times and minimums depend on fabric, wash complexity, trims, and quantity — they are confirmed once the brief and spec are complete, not before. Treat any number quoted without those inputs as an estimate, not a commitment.

## 3

**Order Summary**

A one-page record of the decisions behind this first order.

Field	Detail
Brand / label	
Style name & number	
Product type	
Target quantity	
Target market(s)	
Fabric direction	
Fit direction	
Wash direction	
AQL level agreed	
Tech pack revision	
Templates completed (list)	
Prepared by / date	

## About the source of this template

This template reflects how SkyKingdom approaches denim in real production — as an external denim product team for creator-led, DTC, and scaling brands. It covers fabric development, wash recipe documentation, sampling, AQL-supervised production, and reorder continuity. It is shared as a working tool, not as theoretical advice.

- 20 years of denim production in Xintang, Guangzhou
- Recognized as Best Quality Supplier — two consecutive years — by a top-3 Amazon US women's apparel seller covering 190+ countries
- Network of partner factories, many founded by former SkyKingdom team members
- Covered by Xinhua News Agency and China News Service

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