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## INDUSTRY TERMINOLOGY

**Seam allowance:** A seam allowance is the area between the edge of fabric and the stitching line on two (or more) pieces of material being stitched together. Seam allowances can range from 1/4 inch wide (6.35 mm) to as much as several inches.

**Serging:** Serging is the binding-off of an edge of cloth.

**Sourcing:** The process of procuring materials and production.

**Specifications (spec):** Graphic representations and written descriptions of styling, materials, dimensions, production procedures, and finishing instructions for a garment style. Used as a basis for evaluation to determine whether the final product meet the brand's standards.

**Strike Off:** A full repeat of a print in the specified colors and on the specified fabric or a CAD (computer aided design) copy with a color key of all colors that appear within the print submitted for approval before production.

**TOP (top of production):** A production garment made by a factory given to the client to review for construction and fit approval before they proceed with the manufacturing of an entire style run.

**Tolerance:** Difference between the allowable minimum and maximum on a process or finished garment.

**Warp:** Length wise direction of a woven fabric; yarns are known as 'ends'

**Weft:** Cross wise direction of a woven fabric; yarns are known as 'picks'

**Work in Process (WIP):** The number of garments under construction at a given time.

**Woven Fabric:** Fabric made of interlacing two sets of yarns (warp + weft yarns) at right angles to each other.

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