

THE DIGITAL INCOME EDIT™

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The Vendor & App Guide

The print-on-demand and dropshipping apps that plug into Shopify —
compared, with the US-warehoused ones flagged.

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PRINT ON DEMAND OR DROPSHIPPING?

Print on demand makes each product only after it sells — no stock, unique to you, free apps. Start here. Dropshipping sells a supplier's existing stock and is a real second step, but only with suppliers who hold stock in your customer's country: the US ended its under-\$800 duty exemption in 2025, so China-direct parcels now carry duties and delays.

Print on demand (start here)

All free to install — you pay per item only when an order comes in.

Printful

Best for beginners · US & EU facilities · Free

Most consistent quality because it owns its facilities, plus real branding options. Higher base cost. The easiest first app.

Printify

Widest catalogue · global partners · Free (Premium ~\$29/mo)

900+ products and the lowest base cost, but quality varies by print provider — order samples and pick your provider carefully.

Gelato

Wall art & global · ~32 countries · Free

Prints locally near the customer in 32 countries, cutting shipping time. Strong for posters and prints.

SPOD / Spreadconnect

Fastest · US & EU · Free

About 2-day production on most orders. Simpler catalogue, quick turnaround.

Apliiq

Branded apparel · US · Free

US apparel with private-label detail — custom tags and labels for a real clothing brand. Apparel only.

Dropshipping — US-warehoused only

If your product is a ready-made item no print app carries, use a supplier that stocks it in your customer's country.

Zendrop

US + global · ~5–8 days · Free tier; Pro ~\$49/mo

Clean interface, US fulfillment, custom branding. A good beginner dropshipping app.

Spocket

US & EU suppliers · ~2–5 days · Starter ~\$39.99/mo

Original US and European products with branded invoicing and sample ordering.

Syncee

US, EU, UK · ~3–4 days · Free tier

Vetted suppliers with AI product search. Solid, safe catalogue.

CJdropshipping

Use its US warehouse · 3–8 days · Free

Great value from local stock; interface is complex. Choose US-warehouse products only.

Shopify Collective

Real US Shopify brands · Free, built in

Sell other US Shopify brands' products and let them fulfill — the cleanest "brand-name, no inventory" route.

CHINA-DIRECT = CAUTION

DSers (AliExpress), AutoDS and CJ's China warehouses ship China-direct. Since the 2025 duty change, those parcels carry duties, brokerage fees and long waits — your customer pays the surprise. Not a beginner door.

Sourcing real, higher-quality brands

Legitimate branded or better-quality goods — authorised programs, private-label, or brand-to-brand only. Never luxury logos off a marketplace; that's counterfeit and bans stores.

- 1 Private-label your own brand
Supliful (supplements), Dripshipper (coffee), Jubilee (beauty) — US fulfillment, your name on the label.
- 2 US fashion & lifestyle
Trendsii (fashion, free), DropCommerce (US/Canada eco, 2–7 days), AppScenic (verified US).
- 3 Supplier directories (research, not apps)
Worldwide Brands, SaleHoo, TopDawg — vetted supplier lists to find real US wholesalers.

ALWAYS

Order a sample to your own address before you sell. “Fast shipping” claims apply to local-warehouse stock only — the only way to know what your customer unwraps is to unwrap it yourself.

START HERE · SHOPIFY

Open the store these plug into

New stores get a 3-day free trial, then \$1/month for the first three months (Shopify’s offer, can change).

Start your Shopify store →

shopify.pxf.io/eK3xYz

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