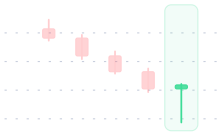
Candlestick patterns cheat sheet

All 18 patterns drawn to their real open, high, low and close proportions. A pattern only means something in the right place: check the context first, then the price that would prove the read wrong.

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Point up

Form after a decline. Each describes selling pressure failing.



Hammer

1 candle · after a fall

Invalidated by: a close below the hammer's low.



Three white soldiers

3 candles · after a fall

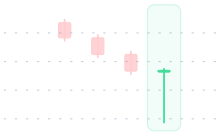
Invalidated by: a close back below the open of the first soldier, which retraces the entire sequence and turns it into a failed push.



Morning star

3 candles · after a fall

Invalidated by: a close below the low of candle two, which breaks the base the pattern is built on.



Dragonfly doji

1 candle · after a fall

Invalidated by: a close below the doji's low, which says the level did not hold after all.



Inverted hammer

1 candle · after a fall

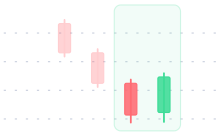
Invalidated by: a close below the inverted hammer's low, which resumes the decline.



Bullish engulfing

2 candles · after a fall

Invalidated by: a close below the engulfing candle's low, which says the demand was temporary.



Tweezer bottom

2 candles · after a fall

Invalidated by: a close below the shared low, which removes the support the pattern is built on.

Point down

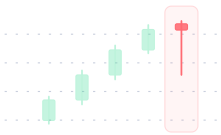
Form after a rise. Each describes demand failing to defend a high.



Shooting star

1 candle · after a rise

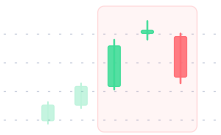
Invalidated by: a close above the shooting star's high.



Hanging man

1 candle · after a rise

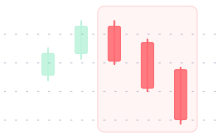
Invalidated by: a close above the hanging man's high, which reasserts the uptrend and leaves the intraday selling as an anomaly.



Evening star

3 candles · after a rise

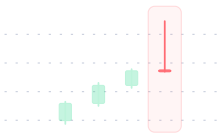
Invalidated by: a close back above the high of candle two.



Three black crows

3 candles · after a rise

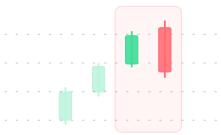
Invalidated by: a close back above the open of the first crow, which unwinds the whole sequence.



Gravestone doji

1 candle · after a rise

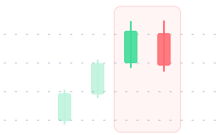
Invalidated by: a close above the doji's high, which converts the rejected level into support.



Bearish engulfing

2 candles · after a rise

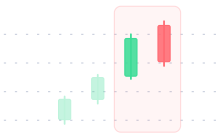
Invalidated by: a close above the engulfing candle's high, which says the selling was absorbed.



Tweezer top

2 candles · after a rise

Invalidated by: a close above the shared high.



Dark cloud cover

2 candles · after a rise

Invalidated by: a close above the dark cloud candle's high, which reclaims the gap-up level.

Candlestick patterns cheat sheet

Indecision patterns, and the two habits that make any of these useful.

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Take meaning from context

Indecision candles, plus the marubozu, which follows the trend it appears in.



Spinning top

1 candle · any context

Read it as: Both sides had a turn and neither finished ahead.



Doji

1 candle · any context

Read it as: Neither side finished ahead.



Marubozu

1 candle · any context

Read it as: Price moved one way from the first print to the last without ever trading back through the open.

How to use any of these

1. Context before shape

A hammer and a hanging man are drawn identically; a morning star and an evening star are mirror images. What separates each pair is only what came before it. A pattern without its required trend is not half an answer, it is no answer.

2. Name the price that ends the read

Every pattern above lists what invalidates it. Write that price down before doing anything. A read you cannot disprove is a feeling; a read with an invalidation level is something you can check tomorrow.

3. Timeframe changes the weight

The longer the timeframe, the more accumulated opinion went into the pattern. The same shape on a weekly chart and a 1-minute chart are not the same evidence.

4. Check it on a real chart

The Chartix app reads a photo or screenshot of any chart, names the pattern that actually formed, marks the levels around it, and shows the reasoning. Free to download on iOS and Android.