

All Candlestick Patterns PDF

The Candlestick Patterns PDF is the ultimate candlestick cheat sheet for both beginner and professional traders.

This definitive guide is packed with insights on **48 top candlestick patterns**, from foundational singles like the Hammer and Hanging Man to complex formations like the Bullish Engulfing and Three Black Crows.

You will master every major bullish and bearish signal, including the Morning Star, Evening Star, Piercing Line, and Dark Cloud Cover, to expertly identify trend reversals, continuation setups, and shifts in market sentiment.

This essential **candlestick patterns PDF** is ideal for traders mastering chart analysis, technical analysis, and price action trading across forex, stocks, and crypto markets.

How to Read This Guide

Candlestick charts visualize market psychology by showing price movement over a specific period.

This guide is designed to help traders read and interpret those stories consistently and accurately.

Anatomy of a Candlestick

A single candlestick is composed of four key elements:

- **Body:** Represents the range between the opening and closing price. A green (or white) body shows a bullish session, while a red (or black) body shows a bearish session.
- **Wick/Shadow:** The thin lines extending above and below the body, showing the highest and lowest prices reached during the period.

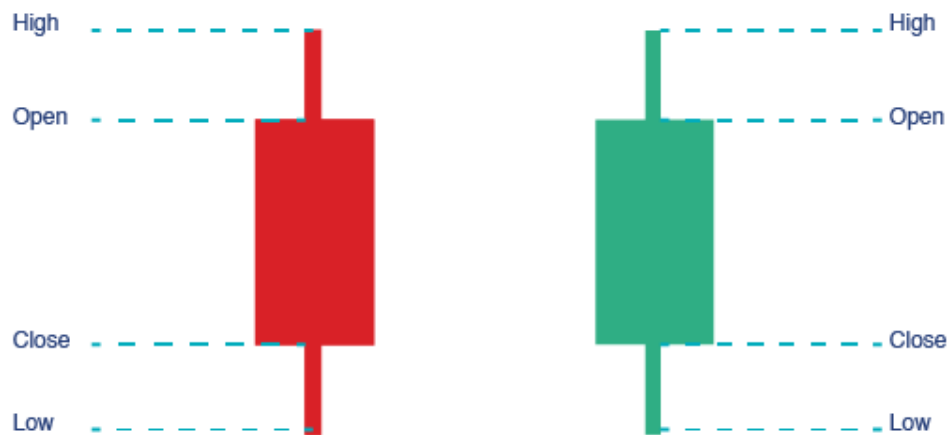
- **Upper Shadow:** Indicates how far buyers managed to push the price before sellers regained control.
- **Lower Shadow:** Reflects the depth of selling pressure before buyers stepped in.

Bullish Candle: Closes higher than it opens, signaling buying strength.

Bearish Candle: Closes lower than it opens, signaling selling pressure.



Anatomy of a Candlestick



To get the most from this guide:

1. **Identify the Trend:** Determine whether the market is trending up, down, or sideways before interpreting any pattern.
 2. **Confirm with Context:** Candlestick patterns are strongest when combined with key support/resistance zones or volume analysis.
 3. **Use as a Reference:** Keep this PDF handy while analyzing charts on MT4, MT5, or any trading platform to quickly confirm potential entry or exit signals.
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Candlestick Pattern PDF (Cheat Sheet)

The following table provides a summarized overview of all major **bullish** and **bearish candlestick patterns** covered in this guide.

Each entry lists the pattern type, key trading signal, and its general reliability rating based on historical performance.

Use this section as a **quick-reference sheet** to recognize setups instantly when analyzing live charts.

No.	Pattern Name	Type	Key Signal	Reliability
1	Hammer	Bullish Reversal	Long lower wick; buyers regain control at support	High
2	Inverted Hammer	Bullish Reversal	Appears after a decline; upper wick shows rejection of lows	Medium
3	Bullish Engulfing	Bullish Reversal	Large bullish candle engulfs prior bearish candle	High
4	Piercing Line	Bullish Reversal	Second candle closes above midpoint of prior bearish candle	Medium
5	Bullish Marubozu	Bullish Continuation	Long bullish candle with no shadows showing strong momentum	High

6	Three White Soldiers	Bullish Continuation	Three strong bullish candles in succession	High
7	Three Inside Up	Bullish Reversal	Confirms reversal within three candles	Medium
8	Bullish Harami	Bullish Reversal	Small bullish candle inside prior bearish body	Medium
9	Tweezer Bottom	Bullish Reversal	Equal lows signal firm support	Medium
10	Bullish Counterattack	Bullish Reversal	Sharp rebound with similar open and close to previous candle	Low
11	Bullish Kicker	Bullish Reversal	Strong gap up showing momentum shift	High
12	Bullish Abandoned Baby	Bullish Reversal	Doji gap between two candles marks exhaustion of selling	High
13	Morning Star Doji	Bullish Reversal	Variation of Morning Star with indecisive middle candle	High
14	Dragonfly Doji	Bullish Reversal	Long lower shadow; strong rejection of lower prices	Medium

15	Bullish Tri-Star	Bullish Reversal	Three Dojis marking trend reversal	Low
16	Bullish Hikkake	Bullish Reversal	False breakout followed by reversal upward	Medium
17	Concealing Baby Swallow	Bullish Reversal	Rare four-candle pattern showing aggressive buying pressure	Medium
18	Unique Three Rivers	Bullish Reversal	Variation showing exhaustion gap and rebound	Low
19	Rounding Bottom	Bullish Continuation	Long-term gradual shift from sellers to buyers	High
20	Bullish Belt Hold	Bullish Reversal	Long bullish candle opening near session low	Medium
21	Mat Hold (Bullish)	Bullish Continuation	Pause before trend continuation	High
22	Rising Three Methods	Bullish Continuation	Consolidation followed by renewed uptrend	High
23	Homing Pigeon	Bullish Reversal	Two candles where the second fits within the first	Medium

24	Stick Sandwich	Bullish Reversal	Bearish-bullish-bearish trio with identical closing prices	Medium
25	Hanging Man	Bearish Reversal	Long lower wick at market top signals selling pressure	High
26	Dark Cloud Cover	Bearish Reversal	Bullish candle followed by bearish closing below midpoint	High
27	Bearish Engulfing	Bearish Reversal	Bearish body fully engulfs prior bullish candle	High
28	Bearish Marubozu	Bearish Continuation	Long bearish candle with no shadows showing strong control	High
29	Three Black Crows	Bearish Continuation	Three long bearish candles confirm downtrend strength	High
30	Three Inside Down	Bearish Reversal	Confirms weakness after a rally	Medium
31	Bearish Harami	Bearish Reversal	Small bearish candle inside prior bullish candle	Medium
32	Shooting Star	Bearish Reversal	Long upper wick marks rejection of higher prices	High

33	Tweezer Top	Bearish Reversal	Matching highs signal resistance zone	Medium
34	Bearish Counterattack	Bearish Reversal	Sudden return of sellers after brief optimism	Low
35	Bearish Spinning Top	Bearish Reversal	Small body reflects indecision before decline	Low
36	Bearish Kicker	Bearish Reversal	Sharp gap down showing control shift to sellers	High
37	Evening Star Doji	Bearish Reversal	Variation of Evening Star with Doji midpoint	High
38	Bearish Abandoned Baby	Bearish Reversal	Doji gap above signals top exhaustion	High
39	Gravestone Doji	Bearish Reversal	Long upper shadow shows rejection of higher levels	Medium
40	Bearish Tri-Star	Bearish Reversal	Three Dojis highlighting exhaustion at top	Low
41	Deliberation	Bearish Reversal	Gradual loss of momentum after sustained uptrend	Medium

42	Upside Gap Two Crows	Bearish Reversal	Two bearish candles closing gaps upward	Medium
43	Advance Block	Bearish Reversal	Three rising candles showing waning buying strength	Medium
44	Rounding Top	Bearish Continuation	Gradual transition from buyers to sellers	High
45	Triple Top	Bearish Reversal	Three failed attempts to break resistance	High
46	Falling Three Methods	Bearish Continuation	Consolidation followed by continuation downward	High
47	On Neck Pattern	Bearish Continuation	Bearish gap followed by small bullish candle	Medium
48	In Neck Pattern	Bearish Continuation	Bearish candle followed by slight recovery close	Medium

Bullish Candlestick Patterns (Signaling an Upward Move)

Bullish candlestick patterns typically form during a **downtrend** and indicate a potential **reversal to the upside**.

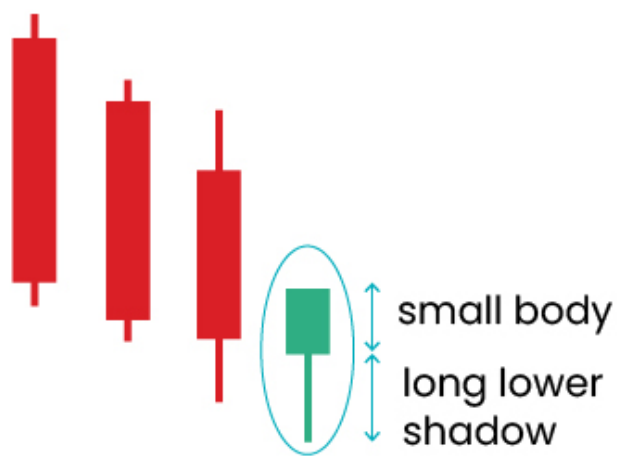
They appear when selling momentum weakens and buyers start to regain control of the market.

Each pattern below follows a consistent layout for clarity and quick recognition.

1. Hammer



Hammer Candlestick

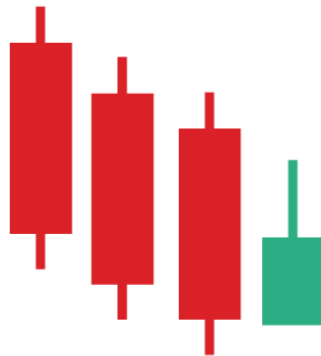


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A single candle with a small body and long lower shadow, showing strong rejection of lower prices.
- **Key Insight:** Most effective when it forms after a sharp decline near a key support level.

2. Inverted Hammer



Inverted Hammer

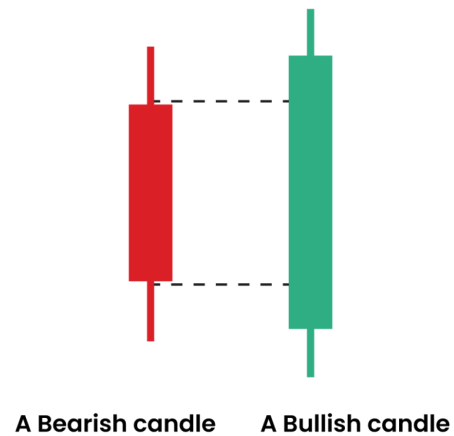


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A candle with a small body and a long upper wick that forms after a downtrend, signaling buying attempts.
- **Key Insight:** Confirmation from the next bullish candle increases reliability.

3. Bullish Engulfing



Bullish Engulfing Pattern



- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A large bullish candle completely engulfs the previous bearish candle's body.
- **Key Insight:** Often marks a decisive shift in market sentiment when accompanied by high trading volume.

4. Piercing Line



Piercing Line

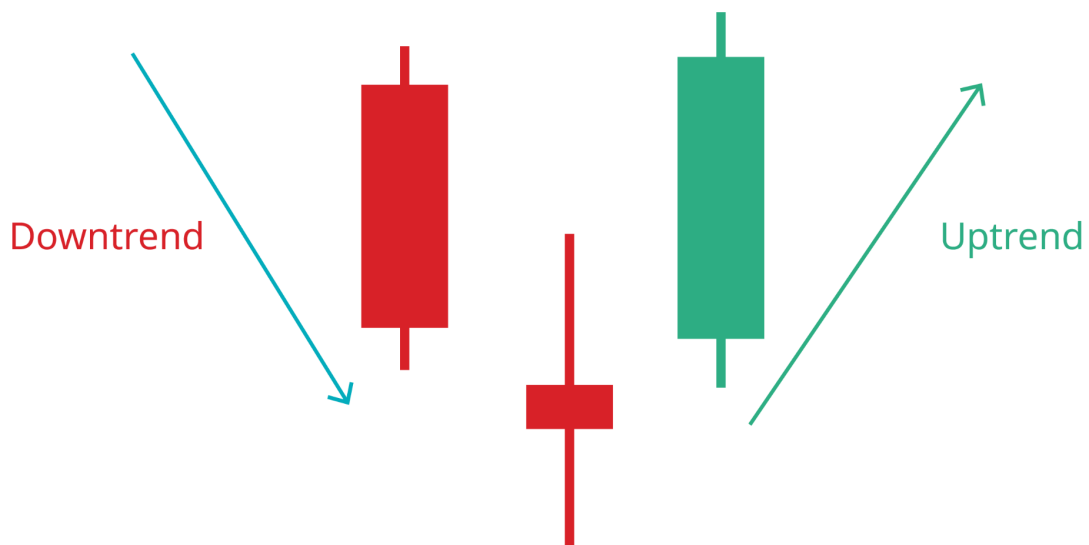


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A two-candle pattern where the second bullish candle closes above the midpoint of the previous bearish candle.
- **Key Insight:** Stronger when the second candle opens with a downward gap and closes deep into the prior body.

5. Morning Star



Morning Star Pattern

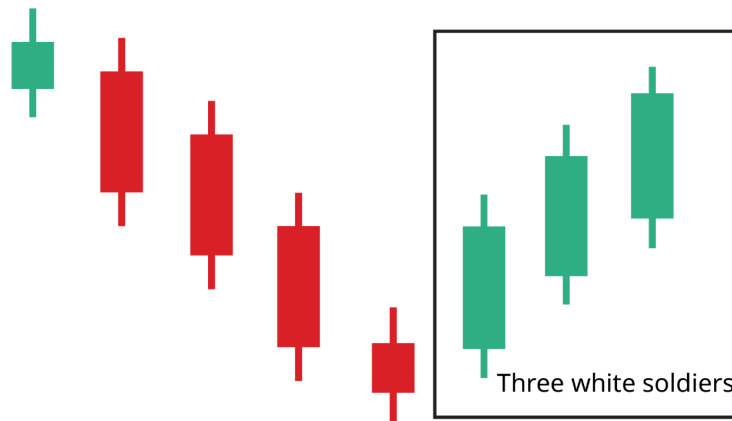


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A three-candle pattern with a large bearish candle, a small indecisive candle, and a large bullish candle.
- **Key Insight:** One of the most reliable reversal patterns when confirmed by strong volume.

6. Three White Soldiers



Three white soldiers

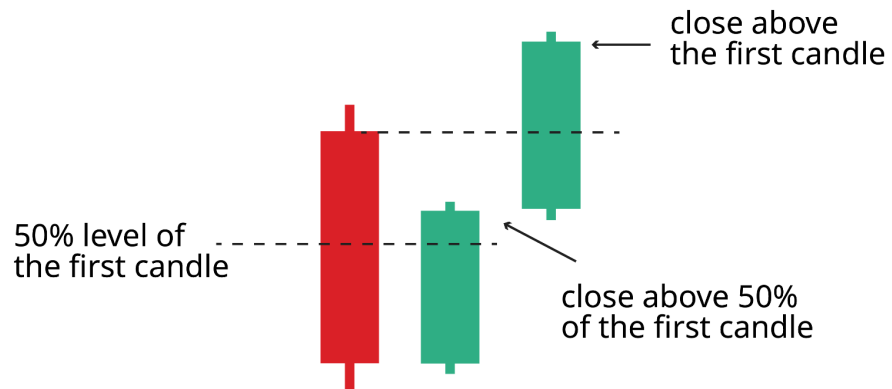


- **Type:** Bullish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Three consecutive bullish candles with progressively higher closes.
- **Key Insight:** Reflects sustained buying momentum; often appears after a consolidation phase.

7. Three Inside Up



Three Inside Up Candlestick Pattern

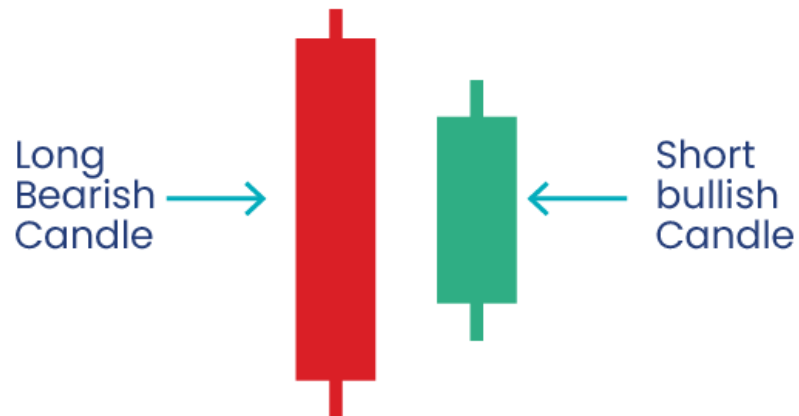


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A three-candle sequence confirming reversal after a downtrend.
- **Key Insight:** Works best with confirmation from volume or a bullish breakout.

8. Bullish Harami



Bullish Harami



- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A small bullish candle forms within the previous larger bearish body.
- **Key Insight:** Suggests indecision and weakening of downward pressure.

9. Tweezer Bottom



Tweezer Bottom Pattern



- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Two candles share the same low, signaling strong support.
- **Key Insight:** Reinforced when accompanied by a volume spike or momentum divergence.

10. Bullish Counterattack



Bullish Counterattack



- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Low
- **Description:** Prices drop but buyers push back to close near the previous candle's close.
- **Key Insight:** Confirmation is required; works best with a following bullish candle.

11. Bullish Kicker



Bullish Kicker Pattern



- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A sudden bullish gap up after a bearish candle, showing a sharp sentiment shift.
- **Key Insight:** Often signals major news or strong buying interest; rarely fails.

12. Bullish Abandoned Baby



Bullish Abandoned Baby Pattern

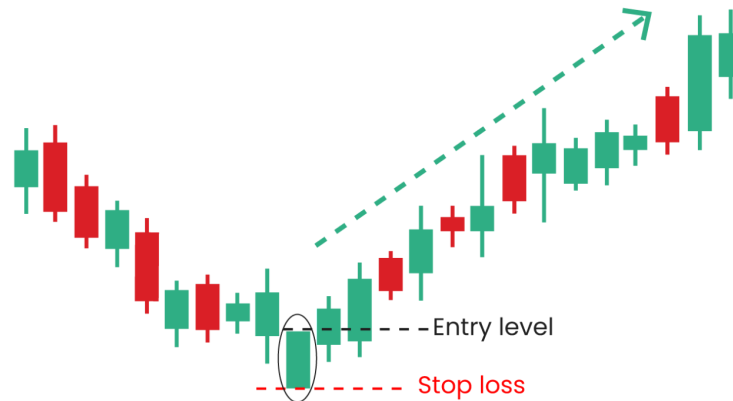


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A doji appears below a downtrend, separated by gaps from both sides.
- **Key Insight:** Extremely rare but powerful—shows market capitulation and reversal.

13. Bullish Marubozu



Bullish Marubozu

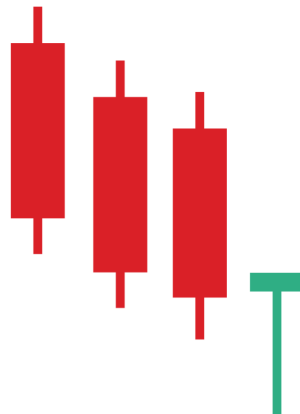


- **Type:** Bullish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A long bullish candle with no shadows, indicating strong, decisive buying throughout the session.
- **Key Insight:** Demonstrates clear bullish control; often appears at the start of strong upward momentum or breakout.

14. Dragonfly Doji



Dragonfly Doji pattern

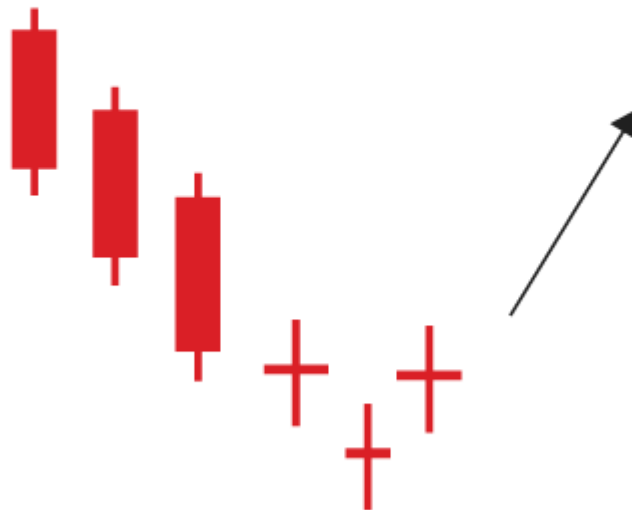


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A doji with a long lower shadow and no upper shadow, signaling rejection of lower prices.
- **Key Insight:** Best observed near support zones with confirmation from subsequent bullish candles.

15. Bullish Tri-Star



Bullish Tri Star

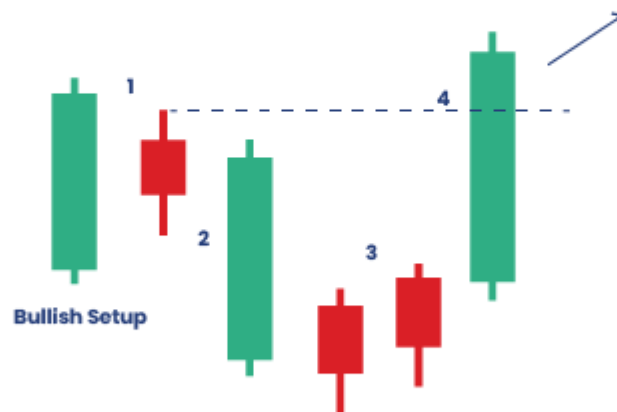


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Low
- **Description:** Three consecutive dojis appear during a downtrend, suggesting reversal.
- **Key Insight:** Rare; interpret cautiously with additional signals.

16. Bullish Hikkake



Bullish Hikkake Pattern



- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Occurs after a false breakout of an inside bar pattern, followed by reversal upward.
- **Key Insight:** Commonly used by price action traders to trap early sellers.

17. Concealing Baby Swallow



Concealing Baby Swallow Pattern

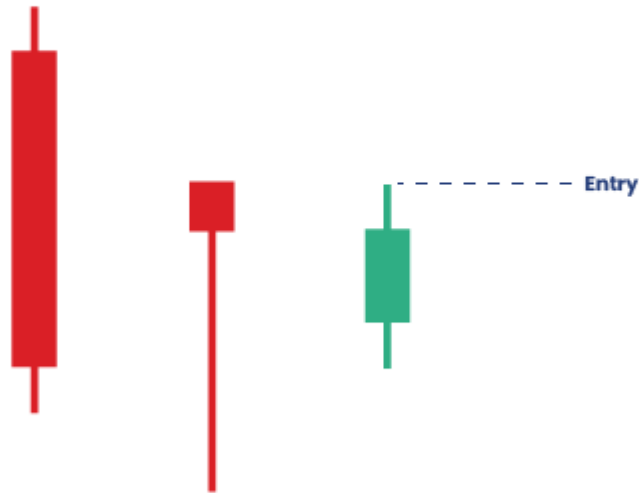


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A four-candle pattern where two strong bearish candles are followed by engulfing bullish action.
- **Key Insight:** Indicates aggressive absorption of selling pressure.

18. Unique Three Rivers



Unique Three Rivers Pattern

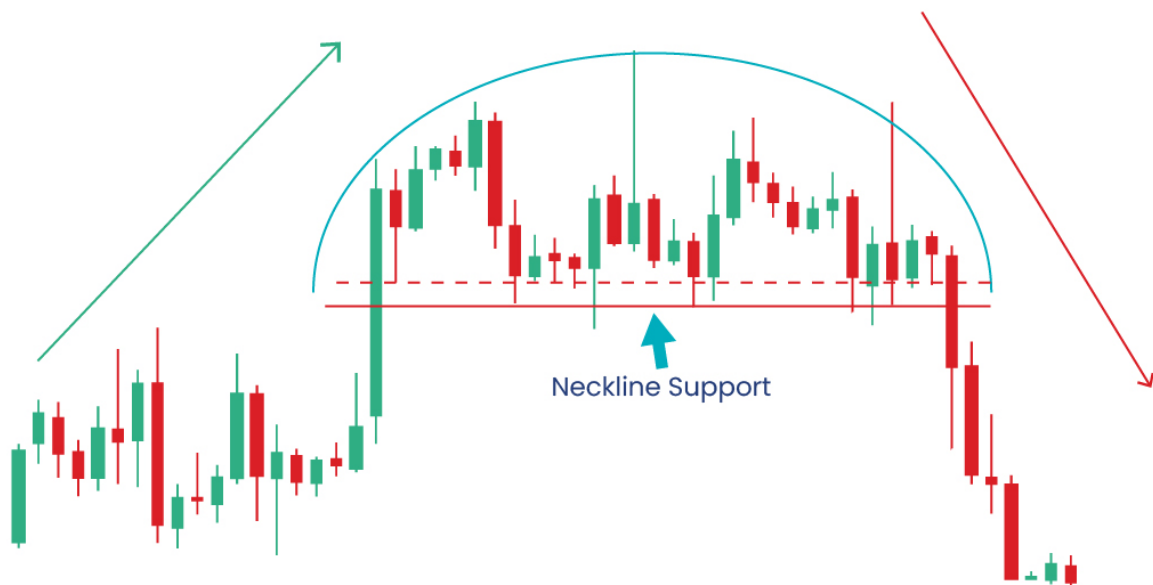


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Low
- **Description:** A rare three-candle pattern showing deep selling exhaustion and rebound.
- **Key Insight:** Should appear near key historical support for validity.

19. Rounding Bottom



Rounding Top



- **Type:** Bullish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A long-term curved base showing a gradual shift from sellers to buyers.
- **Key Insight:** Confirms sustained accumulation; often precedes extended uptrends.

20. Bullish Belt Hold



Bullish Belt Hold



- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A long bullish candle that opens at the low and closes near the high.
- **Key Insight:** Best used when aligned with an oversold RSI or stochastic reading.

21. Mat Hold (Bullish)

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Bullish Mat Hold



- **Type:** Bullish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A pattern showing a brief pause in an ongoing uptrend before resumption.
- **Key Insight:** Continuation pattern ideal for trend-following traders.

22. Rising Three Methods



Rising Three Methods

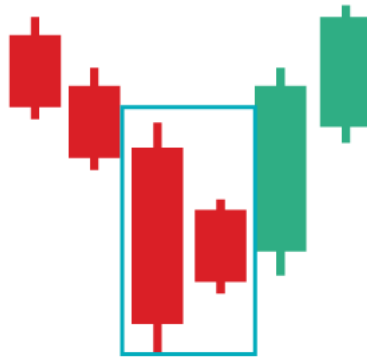


- **Type:** Bullish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Series of small bearish candles followed by a strong bullish candle.
- **Key Insight:** Indicates controlled pullback within an established uptrend.

23. Homing Pigeon



The Homing Pigeon Candlestick Pattern

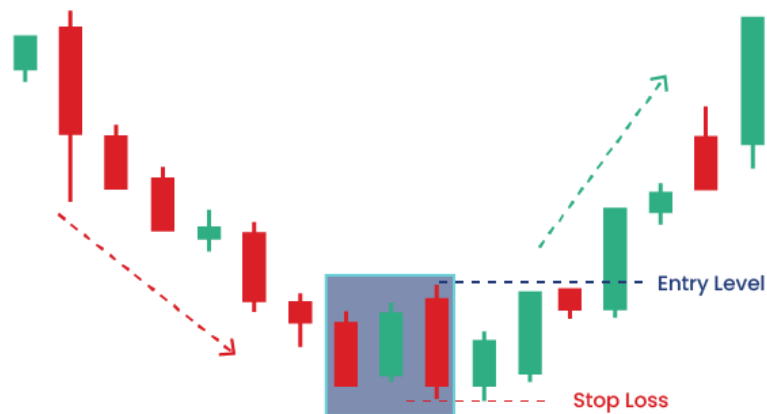


- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Two candles where the second fits within the first's body, showing stabilizing price action.
- **Key Insight:** Strengthens if confirmed by a higher close in the next session.

24. Stick Sandwich



Bullish Stick Sandwich Pattern



- **Type:** Bullish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A bearish-bullish-bearish sequence where the outer candles close at the same price.
- **Key Insight:** Suggests support holding firm; can precede short-term rebounds.

Bearish Candlestick Patterns (Signaling a Downward Move)

Bearish candlestick patterns appear during an **uptrend** and warn of a potential **reversal to the downside**.

They signal that buying momentum is weakening and sellers are gaining control.

Each pattern below follows a uniform layout for consistency and quick chart analysis.

25. Hanging Man



Hanging Man Pattern

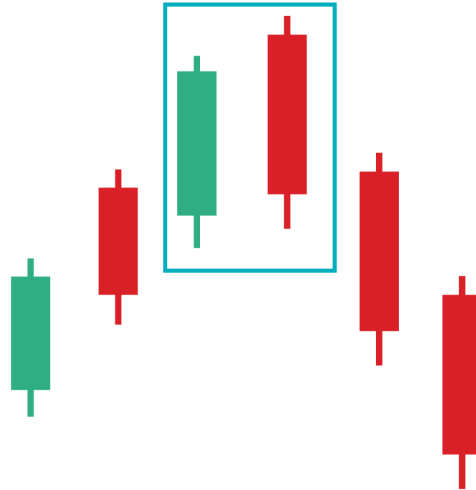


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Small body with a long lower wick forming after an uptrend, signaling fading buying pressure.
- **Key Insight:** Needs confirmation with a bearish candle in the next session.

26. Dark Cloud Cover



Dark cloud cover

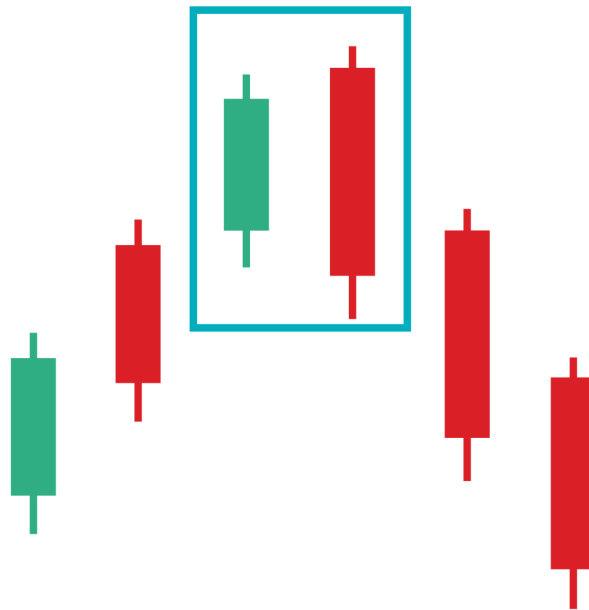


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Bearish candle closes below the midpoint of the previous bullish candle.
- **Key Insight:** Stronger when the second candle opens higher and then reverses sharply.

27. Bearish Engulfing



Bearish Engulfing



- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Large bearish candle completely engulfs the prior bullish candle.
- **Key Insight:** Indicates a clear shift in control from buyers to sellers.

28. Evening Star

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Evening Star Doji Pattern

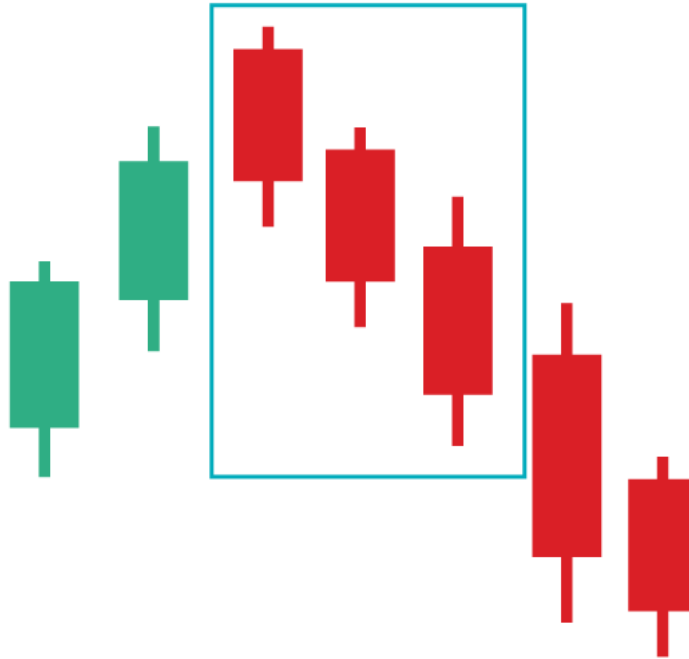


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Three-candle pattern showing strong bullish momentum, indecision, and a strong bearish reversal.
- **Key Insight:** Reliable when confirmed by declining volume and a close below support.

29. Three Black Crows



Three Black Crows

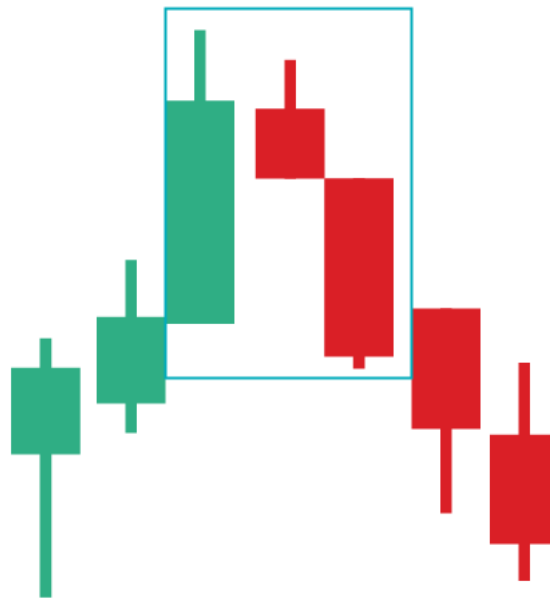


- **Type:** Bearish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Three long bearish candles with progressively lower closes.
- **Key Insight:** Reflects sustained selling pressure; often signals a trend continuation.

30. Three Inside Down



Three Inside Down

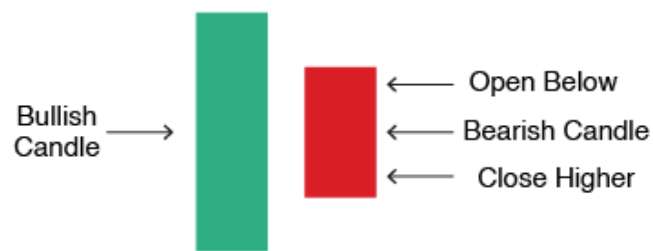


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Confirmation pattern signaling reversal after an inside bar setup.
- **Key Insight:** Most effective when forming near a resistance zone.

31. Bearish Harami



Bearish Harami Candlestick Pattern

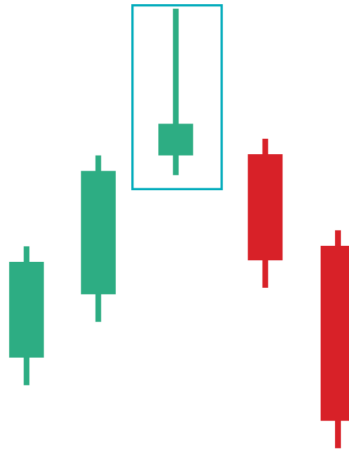


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A small bearish candle appears within the range of a large bullish candle.
- **Key Insight:** Shows indecision before potential bearish confirmation.

32. Shooting Star



Shooting Star

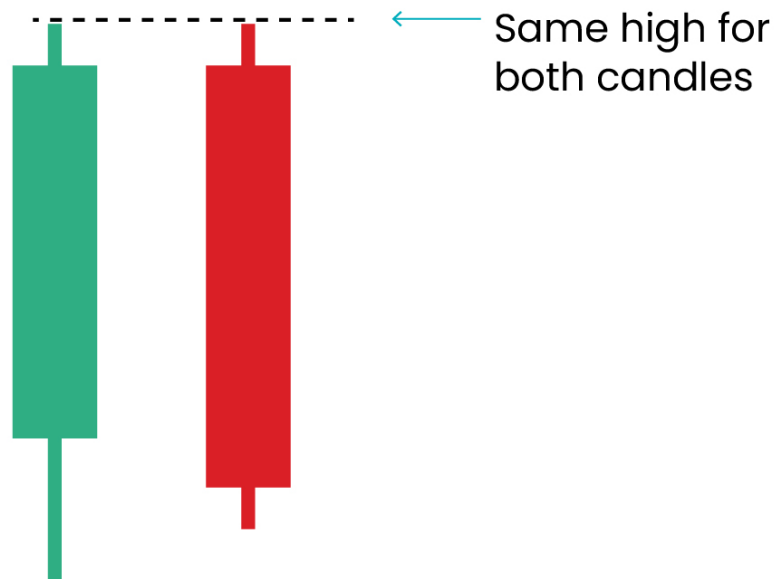


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Candle with a small body and long upper shadow indicating rejection of higher prices.
- **Key Insight:** A confirmed bearish close strengthens the pattern.

33. Tweezer Top



Tweezer Top Pattern

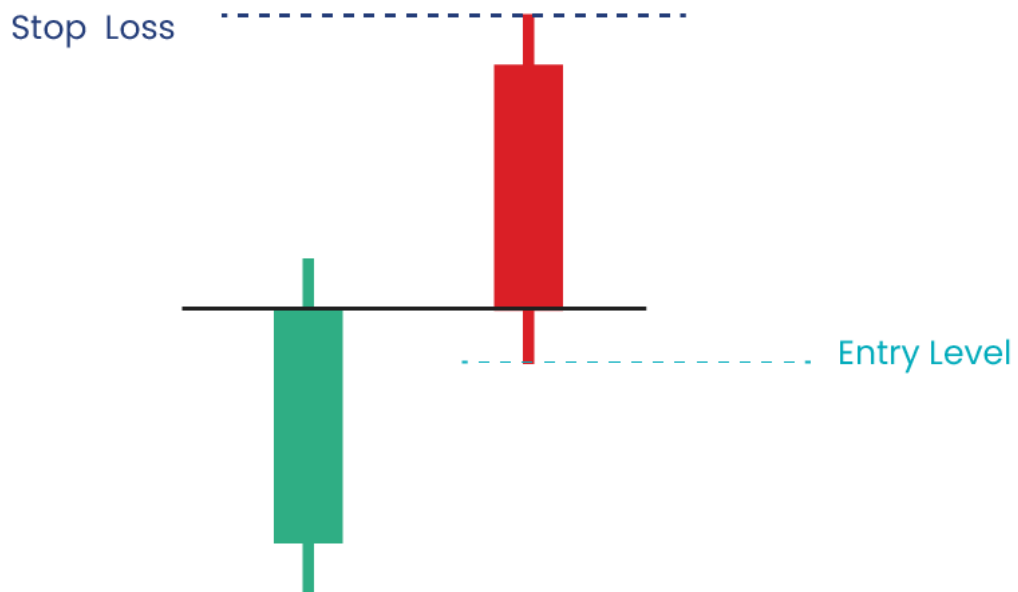


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Two candles with matching highs that highlight strong resistance.
- **Key Insight:** More reliable when followed by strong bearish momentum.

34. Bearish Counterattack



Bearish Counterattack



- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Low
- **Description:** Bears push prices back to the previous close after an attempted rally.
- **Key Insight:** Requires additional confirmation before action.

35. Bearish Spinning Top



Bearish Spinning Top Pattern



- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Low
- **Description:** Small body with long wicks showing indecision and potential exhaustion.
- **Key Insight:** Often precedes stronger bearish formations.

36. Bearish Kicker



Bearish Kicker



- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Sudden gap down after a bullish candle showing a sharp sentiment shift.
- **Key Insight:** Rarely fails, especially after major news events.

37. Bearish Marubozu



Bearish Marubozu

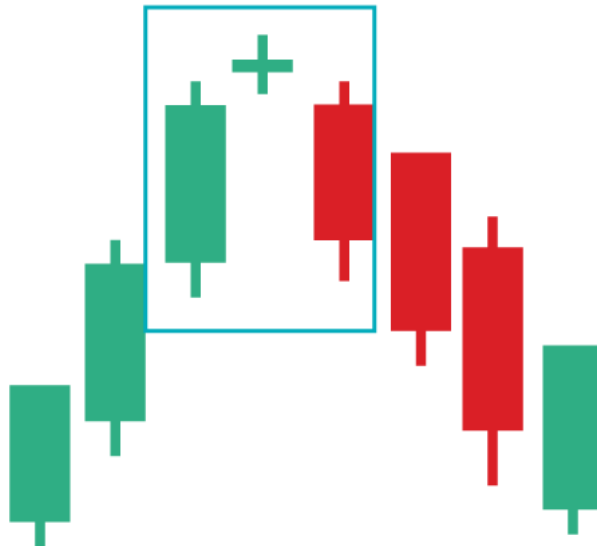


- **Type:** Bearish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A long bearish candle with no shadows, showing strong selling pressure from open to close.
- **Key Insight:** Indicates complete seller dominance; often marks the beginning of a sharp decline or breakdown.

38. Bearish Abandoned Baby



Bearish Abandoned Baby

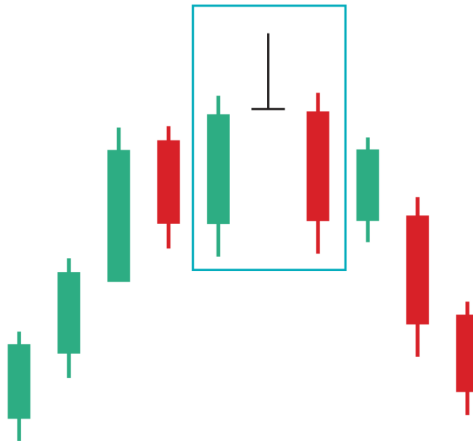


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** A doji forms above the trend, separated by gaps from both sides.
- **Key Insight:** Rare but powerful, signaling exhaustion at resistance.

39. Gravestone Doji



Gravestone Doji

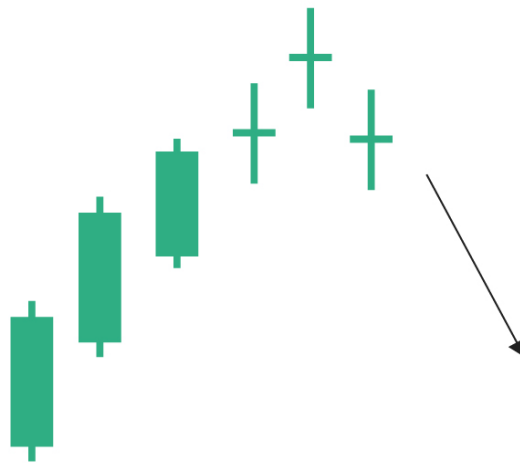


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Doji with a long upper wick showing rejection of higher levels.
- **Key Insight:** Warning sign of reversal after a strong uptrend.

40. Bearish Tri-Star



Bearish Tri-Star

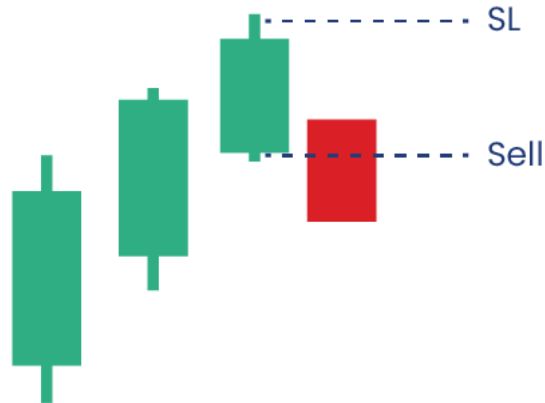


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Low
- **Description:** Three dojis form at the top, reflecting market indecision.
- **Key Insight:** Wait for a strong bearish candle to confirm the reversal.

41. Deliberation



Deliberation Pattern

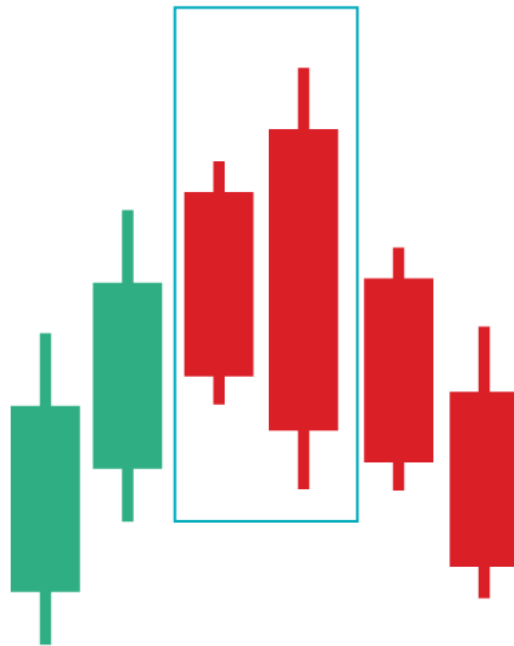


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Three candles where the third weakens, signaling buyer fatigue.
- **Key Insight:** Early indicator of a slow but steady reversal.

42. Upside Gap Two Crows



Upside Gap Two Crows

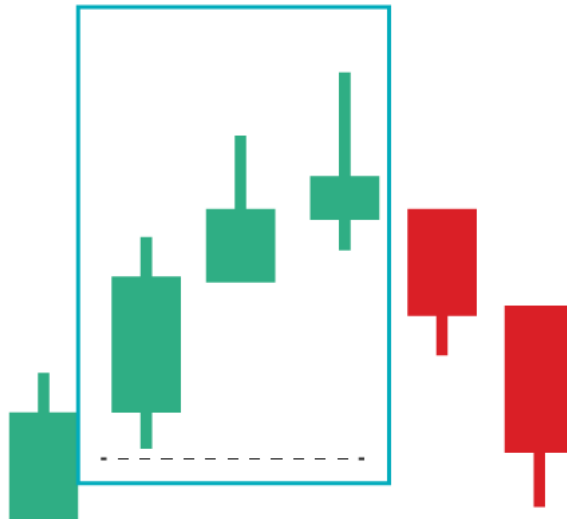


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Two bearish candles close the gap created by a bullish candle.
- **Key Insight:** Shows waning bullish strength and possible reversal.

43. Advance Block



Advance Block

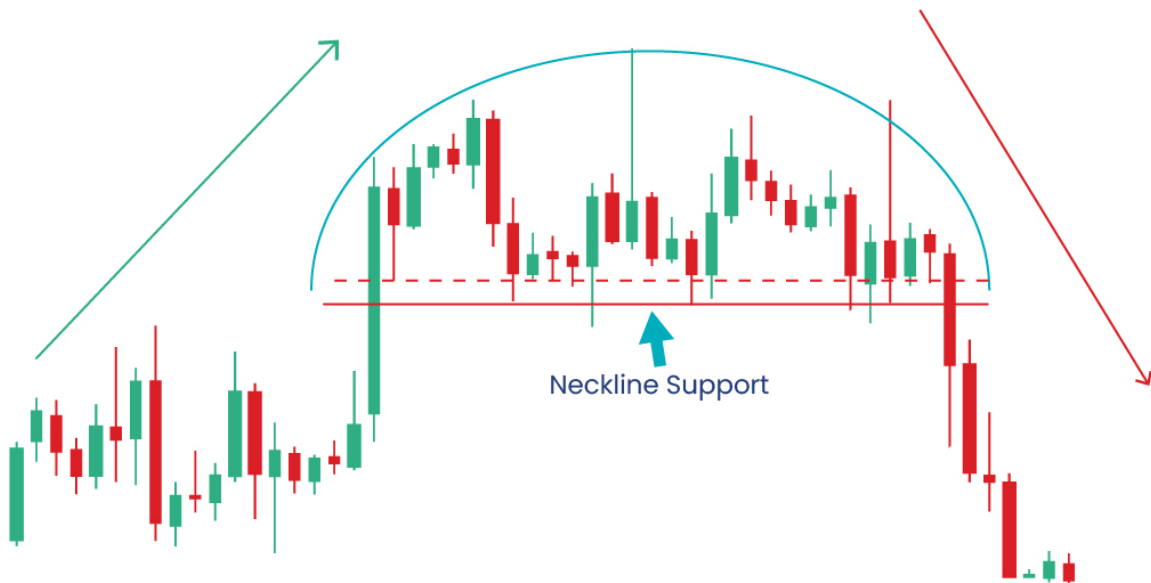


- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** Three bullish candles with smaller bodies and weaker closes.
- **Key Insight:** Suggests declining buying momentum and the onset of selling pressure.

44. Rounding Top



Rounding Top

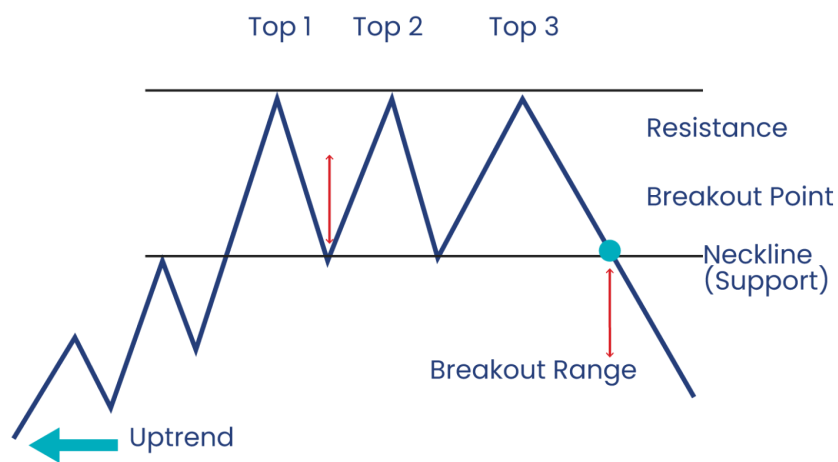


- **Type:** Bearish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Gradual topping formation reflecting distribution before decline.
- **Key Insight:** Often a long-term signal of sustained bearish movement.

45. Triple Top



Triple top Chart Pattern



- **Type:** Bearish Reversal
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Three equal peaks showing strong resistance and failed breakouts.
- **Key Insight:** A close below the neckline confirms the pattern.

46. Falling Three Methods



Falling Three Methods



- **Type:** Bearish Continuation
- **Reliability:** High
- **Description:** Several small bullish candles appear between two bearish ones.
- **Key Insight:** Indicates a pause before the continuation of a downtrend.

47. On Neck Pattern



On Neck Pattern

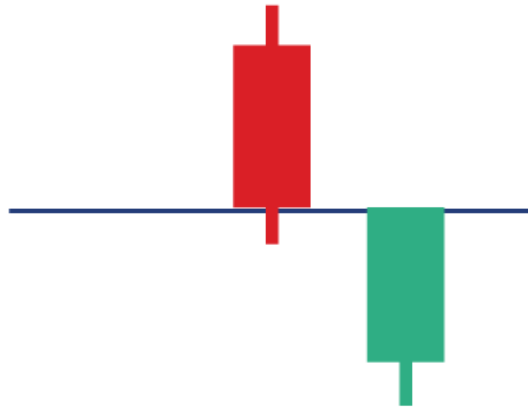


- **Type:** Bearish Continuation
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A small bullish candle closes near the prior bearish candle's low.
- **Key Insight:** Suggests brief hesitation before sellers resume control.

48. In Neck Pattern



In Neck Line



- **Type:** Bearish Continuation
- **Reliability:** Medium
- **Description:** A small bullish candle closes slightly below the previous candle's close.
- **Key Insight:** Reflects a minor rebound before a likely continuation of the bearish trend.



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