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# Mastering Candlestick Patterns

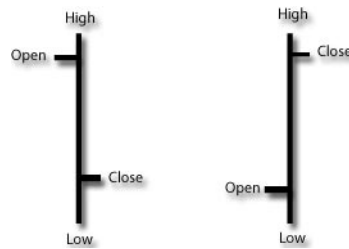
13 Patterns and their variations

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## Bar Charts

A vertical line represents the daily price movement on a bar chart. The top of the line is the high of the daily trading range; the bottom is the low of the day. A notch to the right side of the line represents the closing price. In more recent years, a notch to the left side of the line showed the opening price. Opening prices have not been as readily available in stock transaction until a few years back. Futures and commodity charts have had access to this information for a longer period of time.

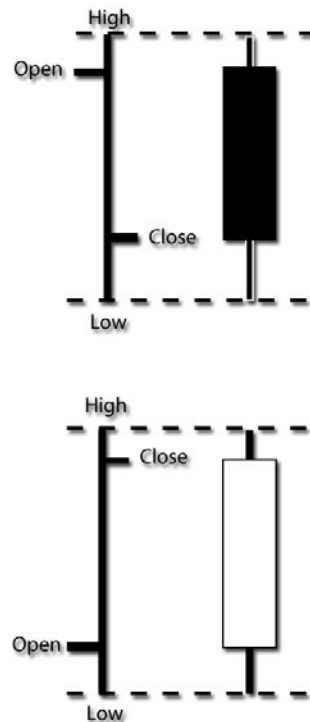


Internet charting services and software vendors provide a large number of additional technical indicators along with the charts. Fortunately, we are living in a time when software packages are constantly being developed to provide more and more technical information. This is mentioned to illustrate the benefits that can be applied to better enhance the technical investor's evaluations. Upon becoming accustomed to the Candlestick charts, an individual can fine tune the probabilities of successful trades many times greater than what the capabilities would have been just a few short years ago.

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Horizontal lines represent the open and the close. Once both lines are added to the chart, they are boxed. This box is called the BODY. If the close is higher than the open, the body is white or empty. If the close is lower than the open, the body is black or filled. Keep in mind, this does not necessarily mean that a white body represents that the price was up for the day or that a black body represents that the price was down for the day. The body color only illustrates where the close was as compared to the open. The contrasting colors of the bodies provides for rapid visual interpretations. A declining column of dark candles is obviously interrupted when a white candle appears. This attracts the attention of the eye immediately. This is something that would not occur when viewing conventional bar charts.



The lines extending from the body represent the extremes of the price movement during the day. These are known as the SHADOWS. The shadow above the body is known as the upper shadow. In some Japanese analytical circles the upper shadow is also described as the HAIR. The shadow below the body is known as the lower shadow or the TAIL. The length of the shadows has important implications to the strength of reversal moves.

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## MAJOR SIGNALS

The great thing about candlesticks is that you don't necessarily need to memorize every formation. You invariably will remember most, but try and see the formation for what it is and don't worry necessarily about what its called.

Look at the open, high, low, and close relative to itself, the previous day and the next day. If you look at the candlesticks from this perspective you will soon realize how intuitive these formations really are (there's a few exceptions)

## THE MAJOR SIGNALS

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THE DOJI

DOJI STAR



The Doji is also comprised of one candle. The Japanese say when a Doji occurs, you should pay attention. It is a very important Candlestick signals.

The formation happens when the opening price and closing price are the same. This makes a horizontal line. The implication is that the bulls and the bears are in a state of indecision, or agreement..

The Doji is an excellent example of the Candlestick method having superior attributes compared to the Western bar charting method.

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## THE DOJIS

Indecision



## THE LONG LEGGED DOJI

The Long Legged Doji is comprised of long upper and lower shadows. The price opened and closed in the middle of the trading range. Throughout the day, the price moved up and down dramatically before it closed at or very near the opening price.

This reflects indecision or agreement that exists between the bulls and the bears.

Best for bottom reversals

## GRAVESTONE DOJI



The Gravestone Doji is formed by the open and the close being at the low of the trading range. The price opens at the low of the day and rallies from there, but by the close the price is beaten back down to the opening price. The Japanese analogy is that it represents those who have died in battle.

Any gain is lost by days end, a sure sign of weakness.

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## THE DOJI'S

### DRAGONFLY DOJI (tonbo)

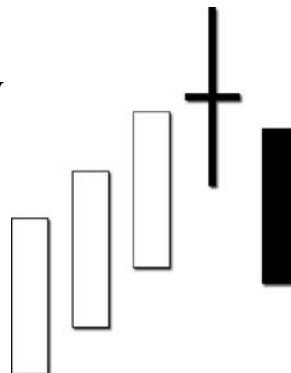
The Dragonfly Doji occurs when trading opens, trades lower, then closes at the open price which is the high of the day. At the top of the market, it becomes a variation of the Hanging Man. At the bottom of a trend, it becomes a specific Hammer. An extensively long shadow on a Dragonfly Doji at the bottom of a trend is very bullish.

Doji's that occur in multi-day patterns make those signals more convincing reversal signals

### Harami - Doji



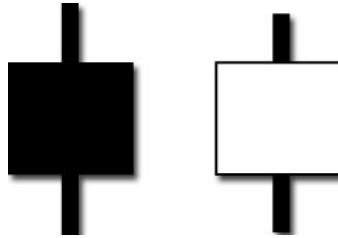
### Morning Star - Abandoned Baby



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### Spinning Top



Spinning Tops have small bodies relative to the shadows. This demonstrates some indecision on the part of the bulls and the bears. They are considered neutral when trading in a sideways market. However, in a trending or oscillating market, a relatively good rule of thumb is that the next days trading will probably move in the direction of the opening price.

They are similar to doji's in that the open and close are relatively close to each other.

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### Doji at the Top



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## DOJI RULES

1. If you see a doji at the top - SELL
2. A doji at the bottom needs confirmation.



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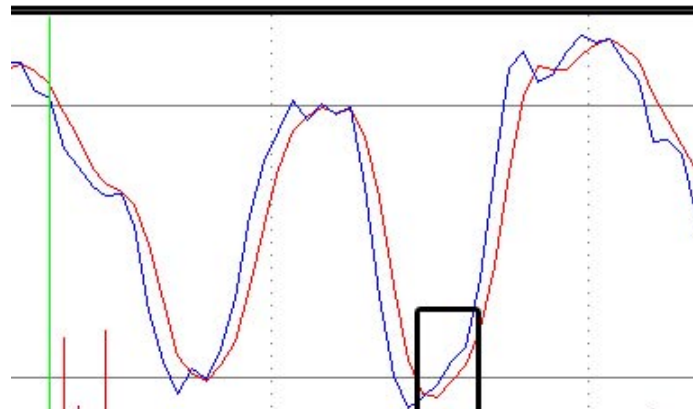
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Exercise a little common sense. When price is in a big move down or up wait for a confirmation candlestick as well as an indicator or two before making entry.

Remember a doji at the bottom needs a confirmation candlestick and an indicator telling us we are over-sold.

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### Morning Star Doji



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### DOJI RULES

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2. A doji at the bottom needs confirmation.
3. The Japanese say pay attention to the Doji.

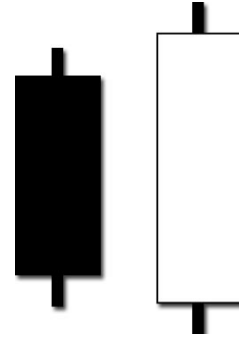
Rule of thumb - The trend will usually move in the direction of the open, the next day after a Doji

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## ENGULFING PATTERNS

### BULLISH ENGULFING



The Engulfing pattern is a major reversal pattern comprised of two opposite colored bodies. The Bullish Engulfing Pattern is formed after a downtrend. It opens lower than the previous day's close, and closes higher than the previous day's open. Thus, the white candle completely **engulfs** the previous day's black candle. Engulfing can include either the open or the close being equal to the open or close of the previous day but not both.

- 1.The body of the second day completely engulfs the body of the first day. (Just the bodies, not the shadows)
- 2.Prices have been in a definable down trend, even if it has been short term.
- 3.The body of the second candle is opposite color of the first candle, the first candle being the color of the previous trend. The exception to this rule is when the engulfed body is a doji or an extremely small body.

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### Bullish Engulfing Formation



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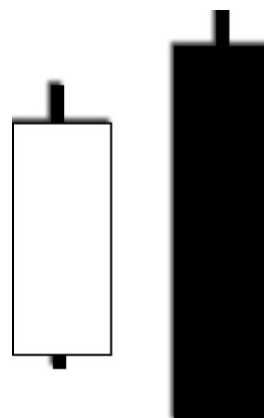
A bullish engulfing formation is consists of two candlesticks. With this formation you are looking for the second candlesticks real body to completely engulf the previous candlesticks real body

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## ENGULFING PATTERNS

### BEARISH ENGULFING



The Bearish Engulfing pattern is a major reversal pattern comprised of two opposite colored bodies. The Bearish Engulfing Pattern is formed after an up trend. It opens higher than the previous day's close and closes lower than the previous day's open. Thus, the black candle completely engulfs the previous day's white candle. Engulfing can include either the open or the close, equal to the open or close of the previous day, but not both.

- 1.The body of the second day completely engulfs the body of the first day. (Just the body, not the shadows)
- 2.Prices have been in a definable down trend, even if it has been short term.
- 3.The body of the second candle is opposite color of the first candle, the first candle being the color of the previous trend. The exception to this rule is when the engulfed body is a doji or an extremely small body.

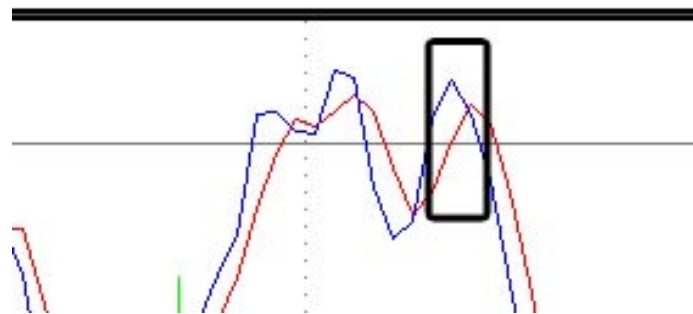
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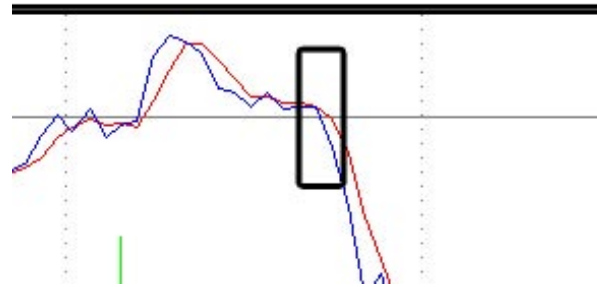
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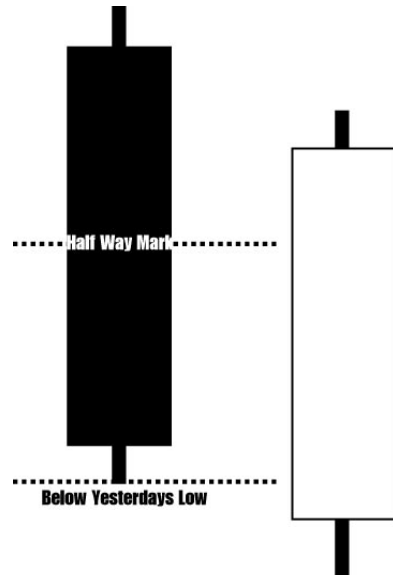


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PIERCING PATTERN

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The Piercing Pattern is composed of a two candle formation in a down-trending market. The first candle is black, a continuation of the existing trend. The second candle is formed by opening below the low of the previous day. It closes more than midway up the black candle, near or at the high for the day

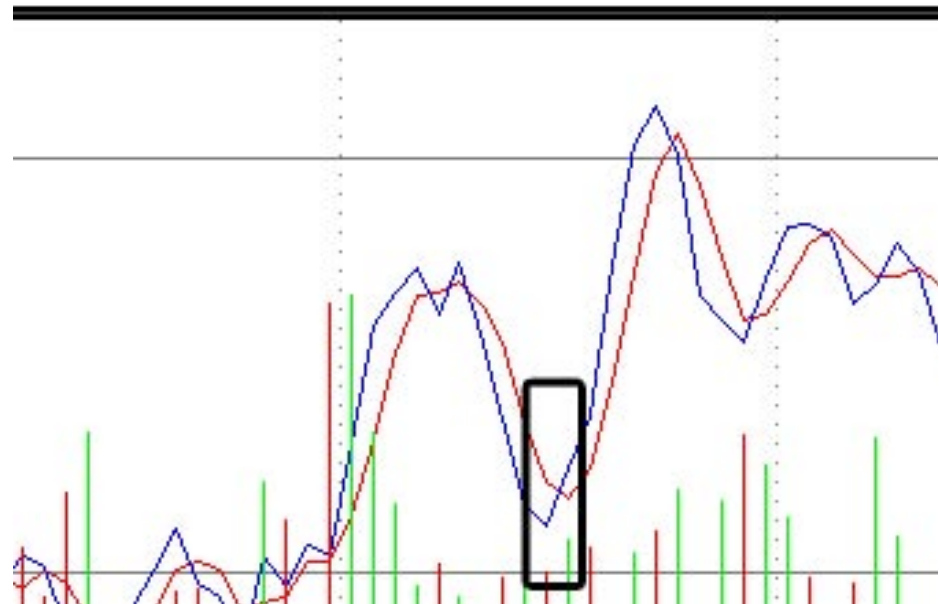
- 1.The body of the first candle is black, the body of the second candle is white.
- 2.The downtrend has been evident for a good period. A long black candle occurs at the end of the trend.
- 3.The second day opens **lower than the trading of the prior day**.
- 4.The white candle closes more than half-way up the black candle.

A piercing pattern is very similar to a bullish engulfing. If the white candlestick exceeded the previous days high than it would be a bullish engulfing.

Also, a requirement on a piercing pattern is that the open today be below the previous days low, whereas an engulfing just needs to engulf the real body.

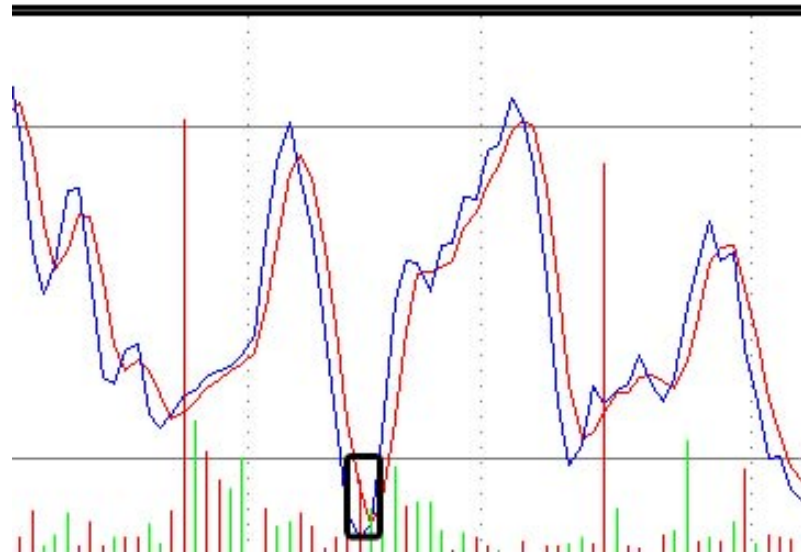
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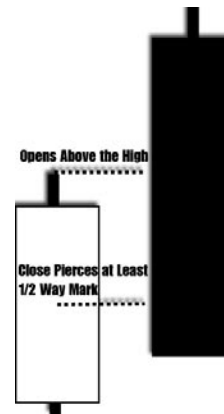
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## DARK CLOUD COVER



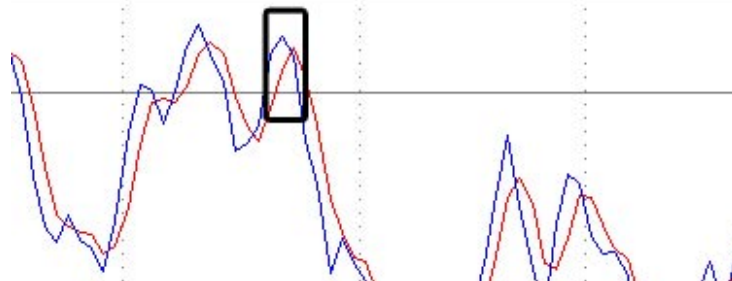
The dark Cloud Cover is the bearish counterpart to the Piercing pattern. The first day of the pattern is a long white candle at the top end of a trend. The second day's open is higher than the high of the previous day. It closes at least one-half way down the previous day candle, the further down the white candle, the more convincing the reversal.

Remember that a close at or below the previous day's open turns this pattern into a Bearish Engulfing pattern.

1. The body of the first candle is white, the body of the second candle is black.
2. The up-trend has been evident for a good period. A long white candle occurs at the top of the trend.
- 3 The second day opens higher than the trading of the prior day.
4. The black candle closes more than half-way down the white candle.

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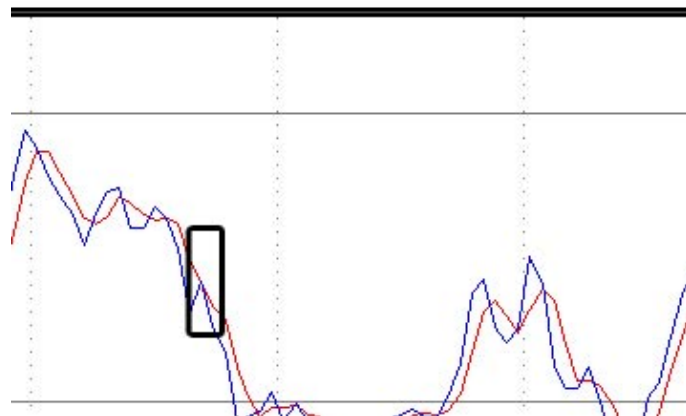
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## HAMMERS AND HANGING MAN



## HAMMERS

The Hammer is comprised of one candle. It is easily identified by the presence of a small body with a shadow at least two times greater than the body. Found at the bottom of a downtrend, this shows evidence that the bulls started to step in. The color of the small body is not important but a white candle has slightly more bullish implications than the black body. **A positive day is required the following day to confirm this signal.**

- 1.The lower shadow should be at least two times the length of the body.
- 2.The real body is at the upper end of the trading range. The color of the body is not important although a white body should have slightly more bullish implications.
- 3.There should be no upper shadow or a very small upper shadow.
- 4.The following day needs to confirm the Hammer signal with a strong bullish day.

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The Hanging Man is also comprised of one candle. It is easily identified by the presence of a small body with a shadow at least two times greater than the body. It is found at the top of an up trend.

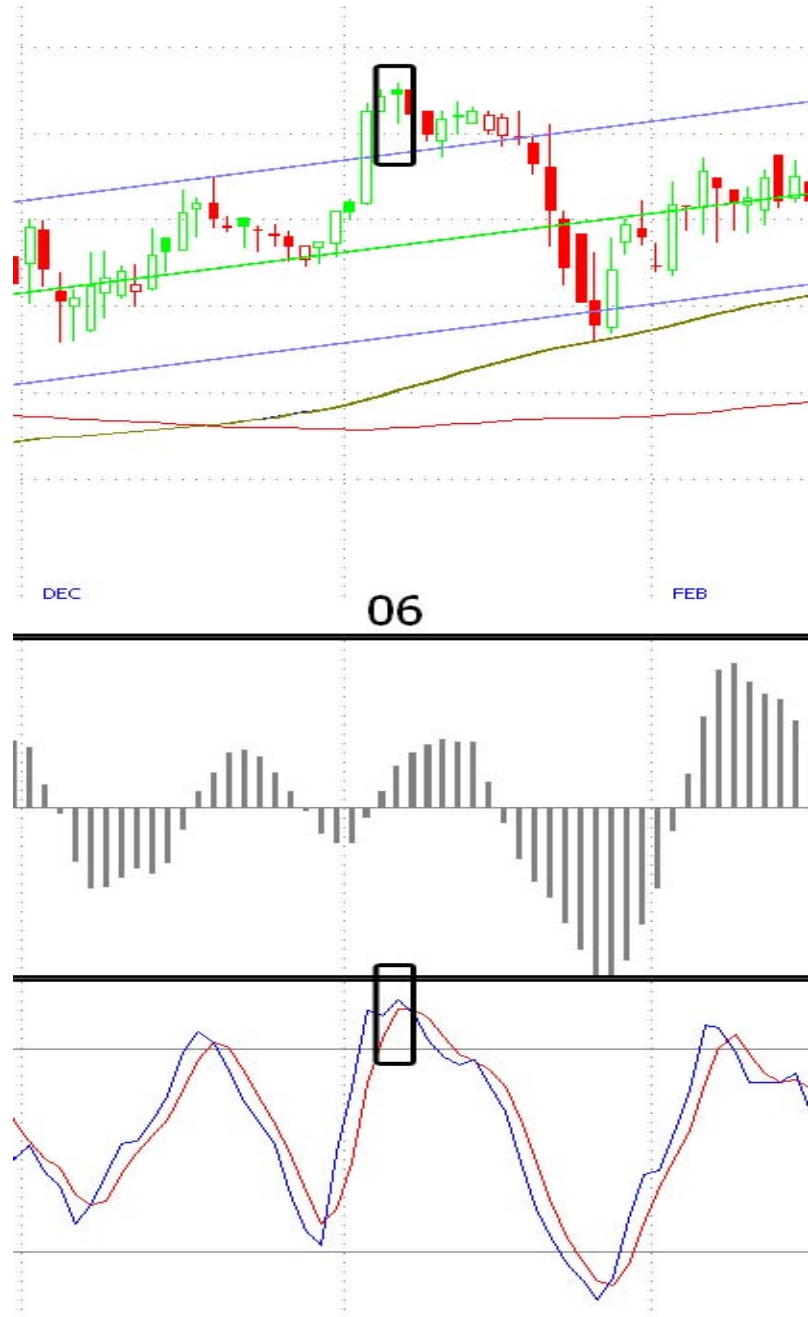
1. The lower shadow should be at least two times the length of the body.
2. The real body is at the upper end of the trading range. The color of the body is not important although a black body should have slightly more bearish implications.
3. There should be no upper shadow or a very small upper shadow.
4. The following day needs to confirm the Hanging Man signal with a black candle or better yet, a gap down with a lower close.

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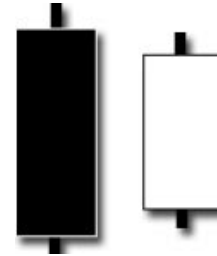


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## HARAMI

### BULLISH HARAMI



The Harami is found often. The pattern is composed of a two candle formation in a down-trending market. The body of the first candle is the same color as the current trend. The first body of the pattern is a long body, the second body is smaller. The open and the close occur **inside the open and the close of the previous day**. Its presence indicates that the trend is over.

The Japanese definition for Harami is “pregnant woman.” The first candle is black, a continuation of the existing trend. The second candle, the little belly sticking out, is usually white, but that is not always the case . The location and size of the second candle will influence the magnitude of the reversal.

- 1.The body of the first candle is black, the body of the second candle is white.
- 2.The downtrend has been evident for a good period. A long black candle occurs at the end of the trend.
- 3.The second day opens higher than the close of the previous day and closes lower than the open of the prior day.
- 4.Unlike the Western “Inside Day”, just the body needs to remain in the previous day’s body, where as the “Inside Day” requires both the body and the shadows to remain inside the previous day’s body.
- 5.For a reversal signal, further confirmation is required to indicate that the trend is now moving up.

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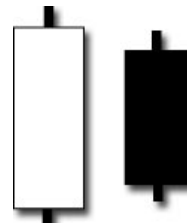
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## BEARISH HARAMI



## HARAMI

The Bearish Harami is the exact opposite of the Bullish Harami. The pattern is composed of a two candle formation. The body of the first candle is the same color as the trend. The first body of the pattern is a long body, the second body is smaller. The open and the close occur inside the open and the close of the previous day. It's telling us that the trend is over.

- 1.The body of the first candle is white, the body of the second candle is black.
- 2.The up-trend has been apparent. A long white candle occurs at the end of the trend.
- 3.The second day opens lower than the close of the previous day and closes higher than the open of the prior day.
- 4.For a reversal signal, confirmation is needed. The next day should show weakness.

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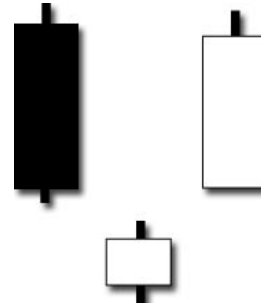
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## MORNING STAR



The Morning Star pattern is a bottom reversal signal. Like the planet Mercury, the morning star, it foretells that brighter things, sunrise, is about to occur. Or that prices are going to go higher. It is formed after a obvious downtrend.

It is made by a long black body, usually one of the fear induced days at the bottom of a long decline. The following day gaps down. However, the magnitude of the trading range remains small for the day. This is the star of the formation.

The third day is a white candle day. And represents the fact that the bulls have now stepped in and seized control. The optimal Morning Star signal would have a gap before and after the star day.

The make up of the star, an indecision formation, can consist of a number of candle formations. The important factor is to witness the confirmation of the bulls taking over the next day.

That candle should consist of a closing that is at least halfway up the black candle of two days prior. Identifying the Morning Star signal is relatively easy. It is visually apparent to the eye.

1. The down-trend has been apparent.
2. The body of the first candle is black, continuing the current trend. The second candle is an indecision formation.
3. The third day shows evidence that the bulls have stepped in. That candle should close at least halfway up the black candle.

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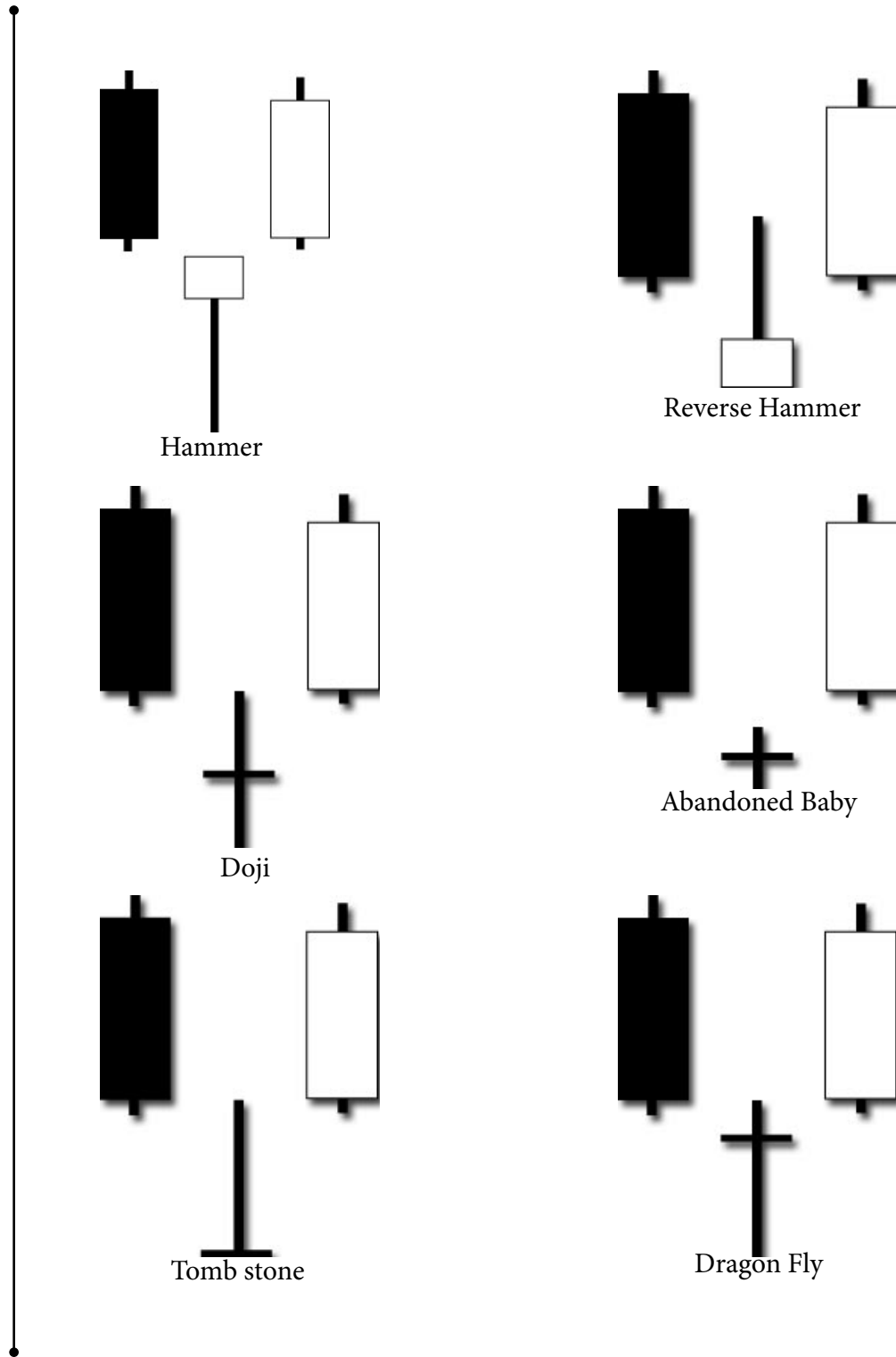
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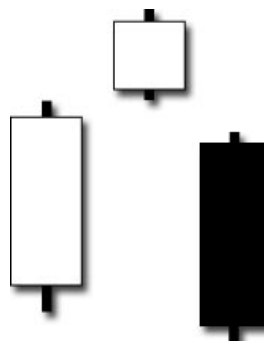
### Other Morning Star Variations



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## EVENING STAR



The Evening Star pattern is a top reversal signal. It is exactly opposite the Morning Star signal. Like the planet Venice, the evening star, it foretells that darkness is about to set or that prices are going to go lower. It is formed after an obvious up trend.

It is made by a long white body occurring at the end of an up-trend., usually when the confidence has finally built up. The following day gaps up, yet the trading range remains small for the day. Again, this is the star of the formation. The third day is a black candle day, and represents the fact that the bears have now seized control.

That candle should consist of a closing that is at least halfway down the white candle of two days prior. The optimal Evening Star signal would have a gap before and after the star day.

1. The up trend has been apparent.  
The body of the first candle is white, continuing the current trend. The second candle is an indecision formation.
3. The third day shows evidence that the bears have stepped in. That candle should close at least halfway down the white candle.

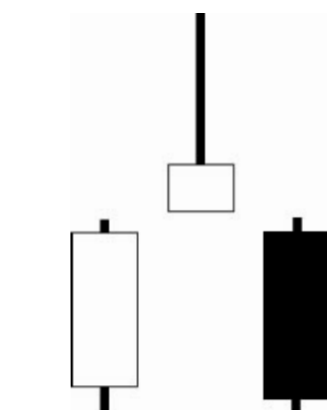
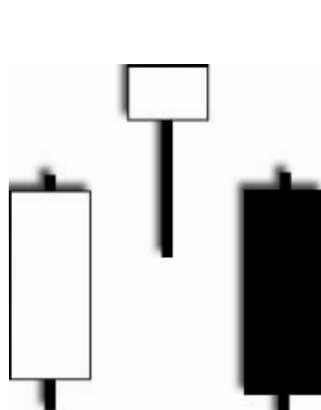
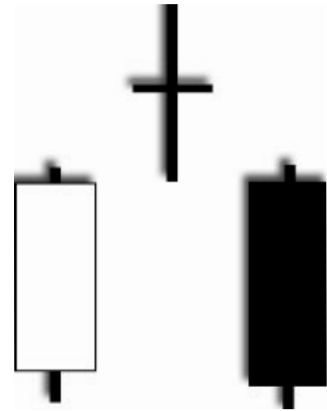
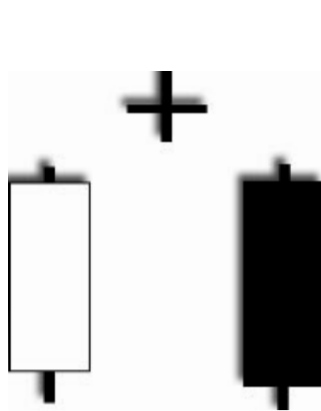
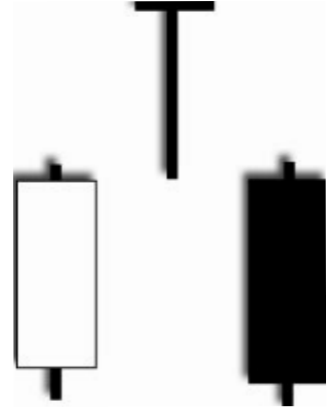
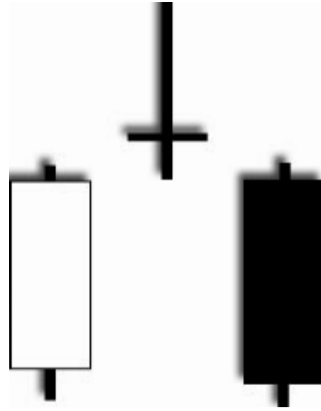
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Same Variations as Morning Star



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## SHOOTING STAR AND INVERTED HAMMER

### SHOOTING STAR



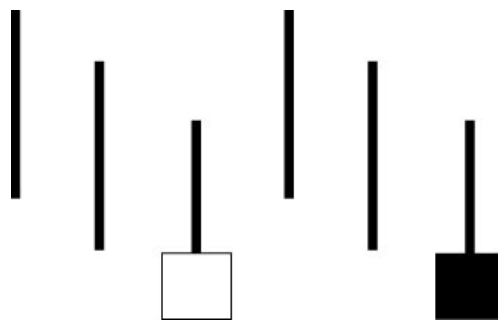
The Shooting Star is also comprised of one candle. It is easily identified by the presence of a small body with a shadow at least two times greater than the body. It is found at the top of an up trend. The Japanese named this pattern because it looks like a shooting star falling from the sky with the tail trailing it.

1. The upper shadow should be at least two times the length of the body.
2. The real body is at the lower end of the trading range. The color of the body is not important although a black body should have slightly more bearish implications.
3. There should be no lower shadow or a very small lower shadow,
4. The following day needs to confirm the Shooting Star signal with a black candle or better yet, a gap down with a lower close.

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## INVERTED HAMMERS



The Inverted Hammer is comprised of one candle. It is easily identified by the presence of a small body with a shadow at least two times greater than the body. Found at the bottom of a downtrend, this shows evidence that the bulls started to step in, but that the selling was still going on.

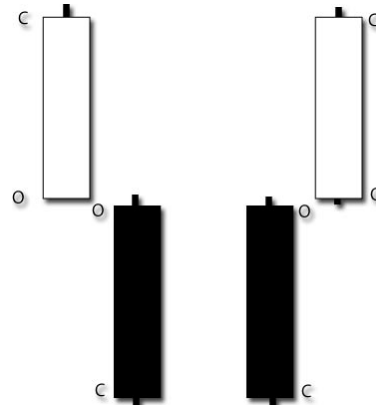
The color of the small body is not important but a white candle has slightly more bullish implications than the black body. A positive day is required the following day to confirm this signal.

- 1.The upper shadow should be at least two times the length of the body.
- 2.The real body is at the lower end of the trading range. The color of the body is not important although a white body should have slightly more bullish implications
- 3.There should be no lower shadow or a very small lower shadow.
- 4.The following day needs to confirm the Inverted Hammer signal with a strong bullish day.

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## KICKER



### Description

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### Criteria

1. The first day's open and the second day's open are the same. The price movement is in opposite directions from the opening price.
2. The trend has no relevance in a kicker situation.
3. The signal is usually formed by surprise news before or after market hours.
4. The price never retraces into the previous days trading range.

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