

Candlestick patterns cheat sheet

Read the shape. Check the prior trend. Test a written confirmation rule.

Illustrative diagrams • Green: close > open • Red: close < open • Grey: doji • Click titles for tutorials

Hammer



Small upper body; long lower wick.

Context: After a decline

CONFIRM Next close above the candle high.

INVALID Later close below the candle low.

Hanging man



Small upper body; long lower wick.

Context: After an advance

CONFIRM Next close below the candle low.

INVALID Later close above the candle high.

Shooting star



Small lower body; long upper wick.

Context: After an advance

CONFIRM Next close below the candle low.

INVALID Later close above the candle high.

Doji



Open and close nearly equal.

Context: Read the prior trend or range

CONFIRM After decline: next close above high. After advance: next close below low.

INVALID Later close beyond the opposite edge.

Bullish engulfing



Up body covers the prior down body; wicks need not be engulfed.

Context: After a decline

CONFIRM Next close above the two-candle high.

INVALID Later close below the two-candle low.

Bearish engulfing



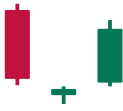
Down body covers the prior up body; wicks need not be engulfed.

Context: After an advance

CONFIRM Next close below the two-candle low.

INVALID Later close above the two-candle high.

Morning star



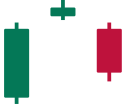
Down, small body gapped lower, then up close above first body midpoint.

Context: After a decline

CONFIRM After candle 3 completes: next close above the three-candle high.

INVALID Later close below the three-candle low.

Evening star



Up, small body gapped higher, then down close below first body midpoint.

Context: After an advance

CONFIRM After candle 3 completes: next close below the three-candle low.

INVALID Later close above the three-candle high.

HOW TO USE THE RULES

Use completed ordinary candles. Pattern high/low spans every candle in the formation.

Confirmation is illustrative: expire the setup if the next close does not qualify. No breakout, no confirmation.

Close-based invalidation is not a guaranteed stop fill. Shapes do not establish a success rate or future profit.

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Full rules, examples and source links: pineify.app/candlestick-pattern/candlestick-patterns-cheat-sheet

Definitions: StockCharts ChartSchool

Body engulfing and trend settings: TradingView