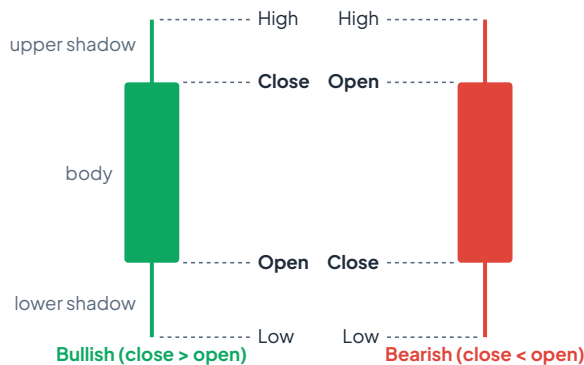




40 candlestick patterns, with diagrams

Every pattern on one sheet: what it looks like, what it means, and what should happen next before you take it seriously. Built for NSE daily charts, where most of these patterns form every week.

How to read one candle



How to read the diagrams

- Green candle: closed higher than it opened
- Red candle: closed lower than it opened
- Doji: open and close almost equal
- Grey candles: the trend before the pattern
- Shaded area: the pattern itself

Before you trust any pattern

- 1 Is there a clear trend for the pattern to reverse or continue?
- 2 Is it forming at support, resistance or a round number the stock respects?
- 3 Did the next candle confirm it?
- 4 Was volume above its 20-day average on the key candle?
- 5 Does the weekly chart agree with what the daily chart shows?
- 6 What price would show the pattern has failed?

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Single candlestick patterns

1 Doji

Indecision

Open and close are almost the same, leaving a cross-shaped candle with no real body. Buyers and sellers fought to a draw.

Confirm: Matters only after a clear trend or at a key level; wait for the next candle to pick a side.

2 Long-legged doji

Indecision

A doji with long shadows on both sides: price swung hard up and down, then closed where it opened. Heavy indecision.

Confirm: Most meaningful at the top or bottom of a stretched move; the next close shows who won.

3 Dragonfly doji

Bullish reversal

Open, high and close sit at the top with a long lower shadow. Sellers pushed price down and buyers pushed it all the way back.

Confirm: At support after a fall, a higher close in the next session confirms the rejection of lower prices.

4 Gravestone doji

Bearish reversal

Open, low and close sit at the bottom with a long upper shadow. Buyers pushed price up and sellers erased the whole rally.

Confirm: At resistance after a rise, a lower close in the next session confirms it.

5 Spinning top

Indecision

A small body with upper and lower shadows of similar length. Neither side took control during the session.

Confirm: In a trend it signals a pause, not a reversal; treat it as a reason to watch the next candle.

6 Hammer

Bullish reversal

A small body near the top and a lower shadow at least twice the body, after a fall. Sellers were rejected. Price-action traders call it a bullish pin bar.

Confirm: Needs a prior downtrend, ideally at support; a strong green candle next confirms.

7 Inverted hammer

Bullish reversal

A small body near the bottom with a long upper shadow, after a fall. Buyers tried to lift price, an early sign of interest.

Confirm: Weaker than a hammer; wait for the next candle to close above its body.

8 Hanging man

Bearish reversal

The same shape as a hammer, but at the top of a rise: small body high up, long lower shadow. Sellers showed up during the session.

Confirm: Only a warning until a lower close follows; volume on the drop adds weight.



Single candlestick patterns (continued)

9 Shooting star

Bearish reversal

A small body near the low with a long upper shadow, after a rise. Buyers pushed up and were rejected hard. Also called a bearish pin bar.

Confirm: Strongest at resistance; a lower close in the next session confirms.

10 Bullish marubozu

Bullish strength

A long green body with little or no shadow: it opened at the low and closed at the high. Buyers controlled the entire session.

Confirm: Shows strength, not a forecast; on a breakout above resistance, heavy volume adds conviction.

11 Bearish marubozu

Bearish strength

A long red body with little or no shadow: it opened at the high and closed at the low. Sellers controlled the entire session.

Confirm: A break below support on a red marubozu shows the level genuinely gave way.

12 Takuri line

Bullish reversal

A hammer-like candle with a tiny body at the top and a lower shadow at least three times the body. An extreme rejection of lower prices.

Confirm: Treat it like a hammer: it needs a prior fall and a higher close next.

13 High-wave candle

Indecision

A small body with very long upper and lower shadows. The market has lost its sense of direction.

Confirm: After a long trend it can come before a turn; a single high-wave candle decides nothing.

14 Bullish belt hold

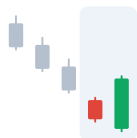
Bullish reversal

After a fall, price opens at the session low, often with a gap down, and rallies all day to close near the high.

Confirm: The longer the body, the stronger; the next candle should hold above its midpoint.

Two-candle patterns

15 Bullish engulfing

Bullish reversal

A small red candle followed by a larger green candle whose body fully covers it. Control shifts from sellers to buyers.

Confirm: Most reliable at support, with above-average volume on the green candle.

16 Bearish engulfing

Bearish reversal

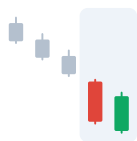
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Confirm: Most reliable at resistance, with above-average volume on the red candle.



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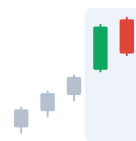
17 Piercing line

Bullish reversal

A long red candle, then a green candle that opens below the red candle's low and closes above the middle of its body.

Confirm: The deeper the close into the red body, the stronger; a close above it all would be an engulfing.

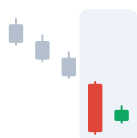
18 Dark cloud cover

Bearish reversal

A long green candle, then a red candle that opens above the green candle's high and closes below the middle of its body.

Confirm: Stronger the deeper it closes into the green body; confirm with a lower close next.

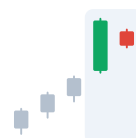
19 Bullish harami

Bullish reversal

A long red candle followed by a small green candle that sits inside the red candle's body. The selling has lost momentum.

Confirm: Weak on its own; it needs a higher close next, which forms three inside up.

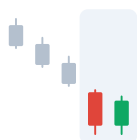
20 Bearish harami

Bearish reversal

A long green candle followed by a small red candle inside its body. The buying has stalled.

Confirm: Needs a lower close next to confirm, which forms three inside down.

21 Tweezer bottom

Bullish reversal

Two candles with matching lows after a fall, usually a red one then a green one. The same price was defended twice.

Confirm: Stronger at a known support level; a higher close next confirms.

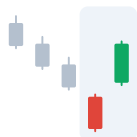
22 Tweezer top

Bearish reversal

Two candles with matching highs after a rise, usually a green one then a red one. The same price capped the move twice.

Confirm: Stronger at resistance; a lower close next confirms.

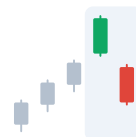
23 Bullish kicker

Bullish reversal

A red candle followed by a green candle that gaps up above the red candle's open and keeps rising. A sharp change of sentiment.

Confirm: Rare and usually news-driven; the gap should hold over the next sessions.

24 Bearish kicker

Bearish reversal

A green candle followed by a red candle that gaps down below the green candle's open and keeps falling.

Confirm: Usually news-driven; the gap should hold rather than fill.



Two-candle patterns (continued)

25 Inside bar

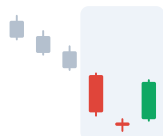
Indecision

A candle whose high and low sit entirely within the previous candle's range. Volatility is contracting before the next move.

Confirm: The direction comes from the breakout: a close above or below the larger candle's range.

Three-candle reversal patterns

26 Morning star

Bullish reversal

A long red candle, a small candle that gaps lower, then a long green candle that closes well into the first candle's body.

Confirm: The key is the third candle closing above the first candle's midpoint; volume on it helps.

27 Evening star

Bearish reversal

A long green candle, a small candle that gaps higher, then a long red candle that closes well into the first candle's body.

Confirm: The key is the third candle closing below the first candle's midpoint.

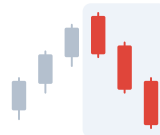
28 Three white soldiers

Bullish reversal

Three long green candles in a row, each opening within the previous body and closing near its high.

Confirm: Strong after a fall; very long candles after an already big rise can mean the move is stretched.

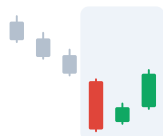
29 Three black crows

Bearish reversal

Three long red candles in a row, each opening within the previous body and closing near its low.

Confirm: Strong after a rise; after an already long fall it may simply be exhaustion.

30 Three inside up

Bullish reversal

A bullish harami (long red, small green inside it) followed by a third candle that closes above the first candle's open.

Confirm: The third candle is the confirmation the harami lacks.

31 Three inside down

Bearish reversal

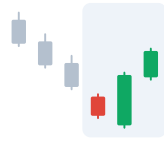
A bearish harami followed by a third candle that closes below the first candle's open.

Confirm: The third candle confirms what the harami only hinted at.



Three-candle reversal patterns (continued)

32 Three outside up

Bullish reversal

A bullish engulfing followed by a third green candle that closes higher still.

Confirm: The follow-through day makes it more reliable than the engulfing alone.

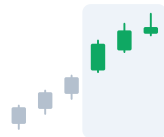
33 Three outside down

Bearish reversal

A bearish engulfing followed by a third red candle that closes lower still.

Confirm: The follow-through day adds weight to the engulfing.

34 Advance block

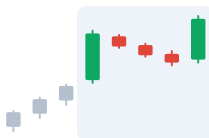
Bearish warning

Three green candles in an uptrend with shrinking bodies and growing upper shadows. The rally is still rising but losing strength.

Confirm: A warning rather than a reversal; watch for a bearish candle or a break of support.

Continuation patterns

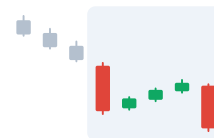
35 Rising three methods

Bullish continuation

A long green candle, three small red candles that stay within its range, then a long green candle that closes above the first.

Confirm: The small candles are a rest, not a reversal; the final close above the first candle matters.

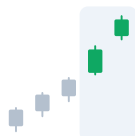
36 Falling three methods

Bearish continuation

A long red candle, three small green candles within its range, then a long red candle that closes below the first.

Confirm: The final close below the first candle confirms the downtrend has resumed.

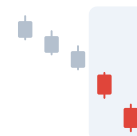
37 Rising window

Bullish continuation

A gap up where today's low is above yesterday's high. The window often acts as support later.

Confirm: It holds as long as later candles don't close back inside the gap.

38 Falling window

Bearish continuation

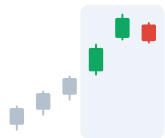
A gap down where today's high is below yesterday's low. The window often acts as resistance later.

Confirm: It holds as long as later candles don't close back inside the gap.



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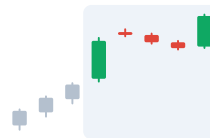
39 Upside tasuki gap

Bullish continuation

Two green candles with a gap up between them, then a red candle that dips into the gap but does not close it.

Confirm: If the red candle closes the gap entirely, the pattern has failed.

40 Mat hold

Bullish continuation

A long green candle, a gap up, small candles drifting lower but holding above the first candle's low, then a strong green candle to new highs.

Confirm: The final close above the pause is the signal; the gap makes it stronger than rising three methods.

The one rule on this sheet

A candlestick pattern shifts the odds a little. It never guarantees the next move, and it means the least when it forms in the middle of a range with no trend and no volume behind it.

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