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# Dual Candlestick Patterns in Technical Analysis [Kicking, Harami, and Piercing]

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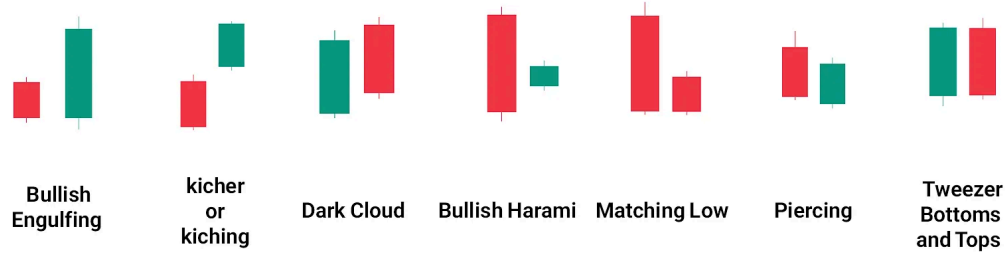


**Dual Candlestick Patterns** represent potential trend reversals in the market based on the relationship between two adjacent candles. Traders can use these **two candlestick patterns** to confirm entry and exit points in trades.

Compared to single candlestick patterns, a **dual candlestick pattern** provides more information, but it requires more time to identify and confirm.



## Two Candlestick Patterns in Technical Analysis



Types of dual candlestick patterns in financial market technical analysis

### What Are Dual Candlestick Patterns?

**Dual candlestick patterns** are formations consisting of two **candlesticks** that convey **valuable information** about price behavior. In **technical analysis**, their interpretation depends on how the two candles are positioned relative to each other.



## Types of Dual Candlestick Patterns

**Two candle patterns** vary in interpretation based on the type of candles and their alignment. Below are the most common **Dual Candlestick Patterns** used in market analysis:

- ⚡ **Bullish Engulfing**
- ⚡ **Bearish Engulfing**
- ⚡ **Kicking (Kicher)**
- ⚡ **Dark Cloud Cover**
- ⚡ **Bullish Harami**
- ⚡ **Bearish Harami**
- ⚡ **Matching Low**
- ⚡ **Piercing Pattern**
- ⚡ **Tweezer Bottoms and Tops**

### Bullish Engulfing Pattern

The **Bullish Engulfing** pattern is a reversal pattern usually found at the end of a downtrend. It is often ignored in **uptrends**.

#### Characteristics of Bullish Engulfing

This **dual candlestick pattern** consists of a small bearish candle followed by a large **bullish candle** that completely **engulfs** the first one. The shorter the **bearish candle** and the larger the bullish one, the more valid the **signal**.



### Bullish Engulfing

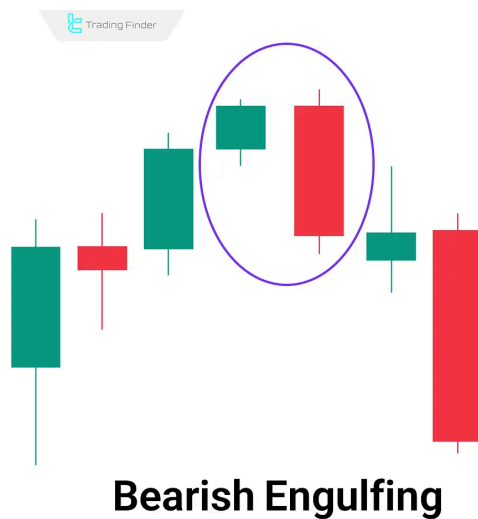
Formation of a Bullish Engulfing pattern at the bottom of a downtrend

### Bearish Engulfing Pattern

The **Bearish Engulfing** is the opposite of the bullish variation. It typically appears at the end of an uptrend and is often overlooked in downtrends.

## Characteristics of Bearish Engulfing

It includes a small **bullish candle** followed by a strong bearish candle that fully engulfs the former. The smaller the **bullish candle** and the **larger** the **bearish** one, the stronger the pattern.



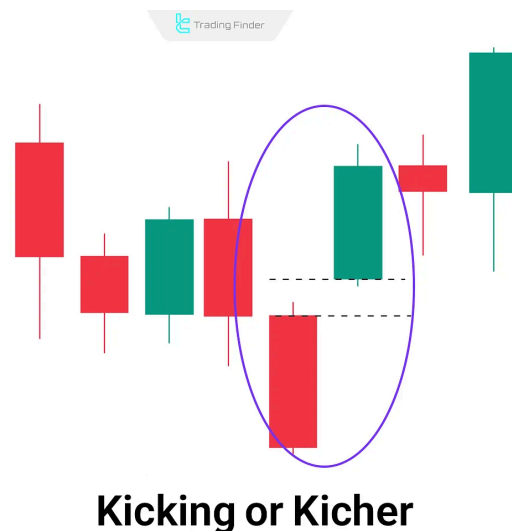
Bearish Engulfing pattern appearing at the top of an uptrend on the price chart

## Kicking (Kicher) Pattern

The **Kicking** (or **Kicher**) pattern is a dual **candlestick reversal setup** that can appear in various stages of a trend. It indicates a reversal bearish in an **uptrend** and bullish in a **downtrend**.

### Characteristics of Kicking

This pattern includes a **candle** in the direction of the trend followed by a strong **opposite-direction** candle that gaps significantly up or down. This **emotional shift** in buying or selling often reflects a **potential reversal**, which can catch traders off guard.



Kicking or Kicher pattern formed at the bottom of a downtrend

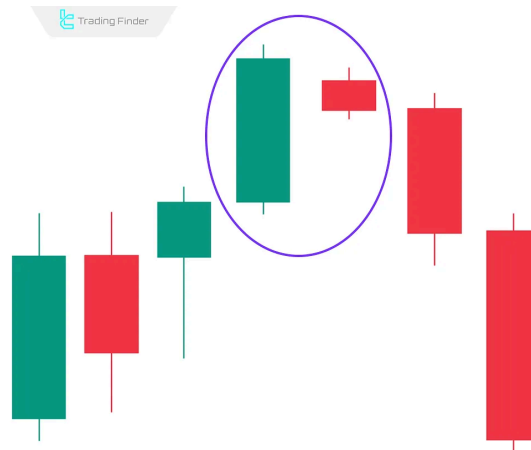
## Dark Cloud Cover Pattern



The **Bearish Harami** is a reversal signal opposite the bullish version. It's generally ignored in **downtrends** but is valid at the top of an uptrend.

### Characteristics Bearish Harami

This **two-candlestick pattern** features a large bullish candle followed by a smaller bearish candle entirely within the prior **candle's body**.



## Bearish Harami

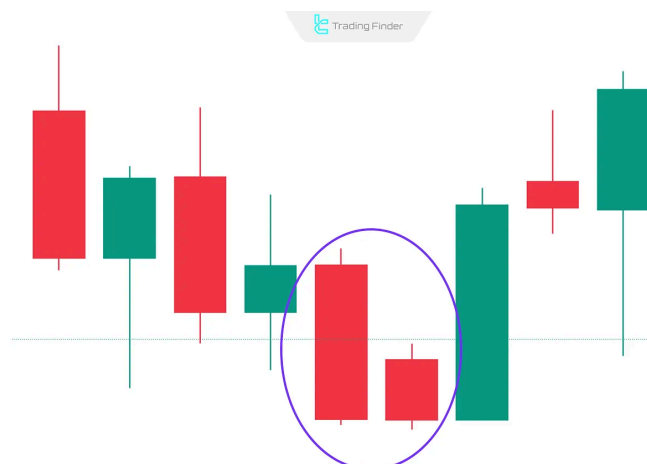
Bearish Harami at the top of an uptrend indicating a price drop

### Matching Low Pattern

The **Matching Low** pattern indicates **short-term support** and potential price bounce, often forming at **market** bottoms.

### Characteristics of Matching Low

Both candles are bearish, but the **second opens** higher and closes at the same level as the first. This setup shows **buyer support** at a **key level**.



## Matching Low

Matching a Low dual candlestick pattern and an upward price reversal

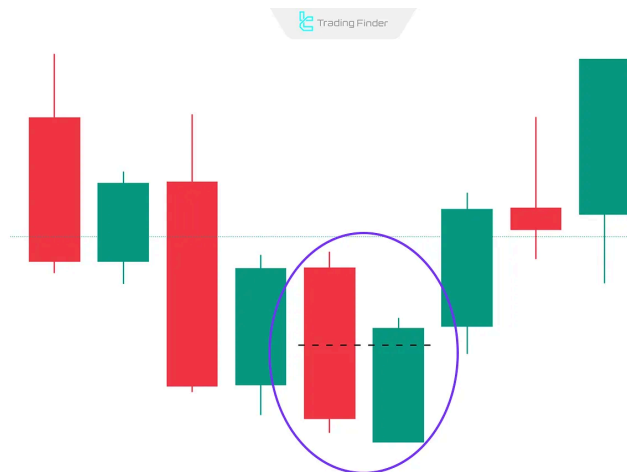
### Piercing Pattern

The **Piercing** pattern signals a bullish reversal and **usually appears** at the end of a downtrend.

### Characteristics of Piercing

The first candle is bearish. The **second opens** below the **first's close** but closes above the midpoint of the first candle.

- ⚡ **Second candle open:** Below the first candle's close
- ⚡ **Second candle close:** Above the midpoint of the first candle



## Piercing

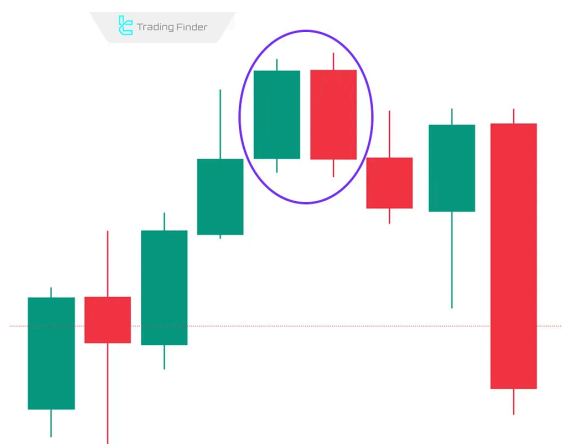
Piercing pattern formation on the chart

### Tweezer Bottoms and Tops Pattern

**Tweezer patterns** typically appear at the top or bottom of **trends**. At the tops, they indicate weakening buyers, while at the bottoms, they reflect growing buyer strength.

### Characteristics of Tweezer Bottoms and Tops

The **highs or lows** of both candles are nearly identical, although the candle types differ; at the tops, it is bullish and then bearish. **At the bottom**, it is bearish and then bullish.



## Tweezer Bottoms and Tops

Tweezer pattern formation at market top and price drop after its appearance

## Pros and Cons of Dual Candlestick Patterns

Proper use of **Dual Candlestick Patterns** requires awareness of their strengths and **weaknesses**, such as lower prediction accuracy.

Pros	Cons
Identify potential trend reversals	Lower accuracy in predicting future movement
Improve market analysis and forecasting	Possible misinterpretation
Confirm entry opportunities	Require experience and knowledge

## Comparison of Single, Dual, and Triple Candlestick Patterns

Candlestick patterns vary based on the number of candles involved, the information they convey, and their market application.

### Comparison of Single-Candlestick, Double-Candlestick, and Triple-Candlestick Patterns:

Parameter	Single Candle	Dual Candlestick	Triple Candlestick
Number of Candles	One	Two	Three
Market Application	Quick trend reversal detection	Trend confirmation and entry points	Identifying potential tops/bottoms
Analysis Speed	High	Medium	Low
Predictive Power	Low	Medium	High

## Conclusion

**Dual Candlestick Patterns** offer valuable insights based on the **positioning** of two adjacent **candles**. Traders use them to detect **trend reversals** at highs and lows.

**Bearish reversal** patterns within a downtrend are often **disregarded**. Overall, these patterns suggest shifts in power between **buyers** and **sellers**.

What is a Dual Candlestick Pattern? ▼

A pattern consisting of two candlesticks that reveals price behavior.

What are common bearish dual candlestick patterns? ▼

Bearish Engulfing

Dark Cloud Cover

What are bullish dual candlestick patterns? ▼

Bearish Harami

Bullish Engulfing

Bullish Harami

How does the Bullish Harami pattern form? ▼

Matching Low

A bullish candle with a small body form entirely within the previous bearish candle's range.

Where do Tweezer patterns usually form? ▼

Typically, at market highs and lows.

Who can use dual candlestick patterns? ▼

They are suitable for all types of traders.

In which markets are dual candlestick patterns useful? ▼

Forex, cryptocurrencies, stocks, and all other financial markets.

What are the pros and cons of dual candlestick patterns? ▼

· **Pros:** Trade entry confirmation

· **Cons:** Potential for misinterpretation

Which candlestick pattern type has the highest predictive power? ▼

**Triple candlestick patterns**, due to the broader price data they offer.



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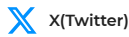


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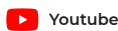
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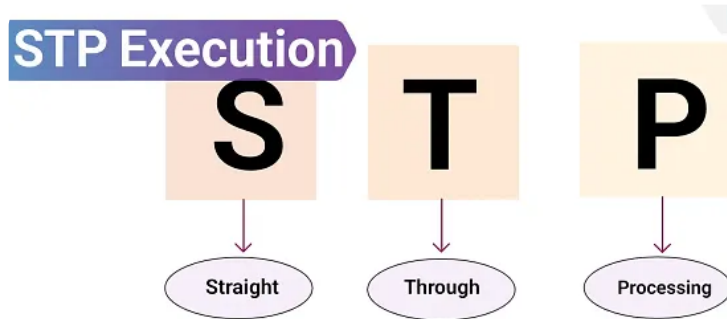
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