

# Steve Bigalow's Top Ranked Signals



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# Introduction

I had the great pleasure of working with Steve Bigalow in a number of endeavors. We spent a lot of time coding his patterns. He was a great mentor and friend. He had a great impact on my trading. I loved how his patterns capture the psychology of the markets. He loved teaching and he loved helping traders.

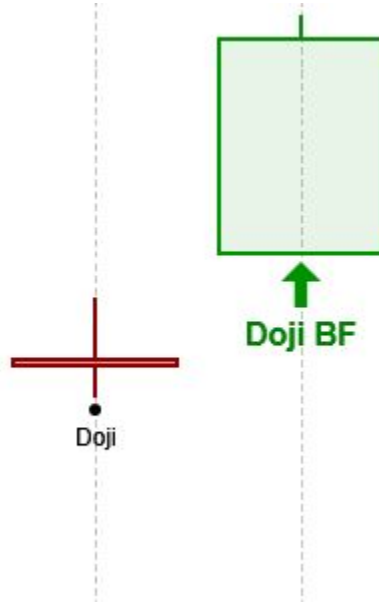
We worked for years on his patterns and coded all of his favorites. This visual guide is designed to help you understand the patterns that Steve defined as his most profitable. I created this as a visual guide. As much as possible, I tried to use Steve's terminology.

I hope you find them useful.

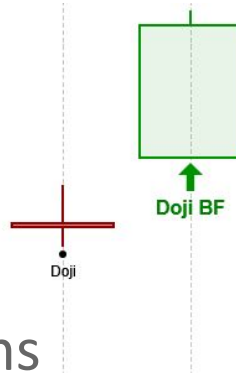
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# Doji Best Friend



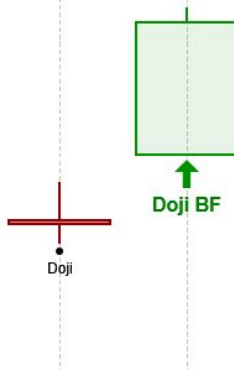
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A doji or spinning top forms

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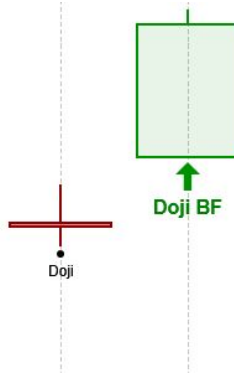
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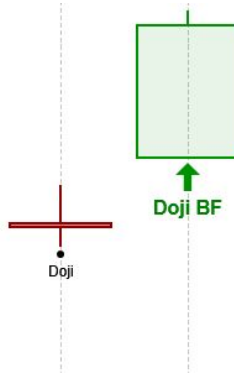


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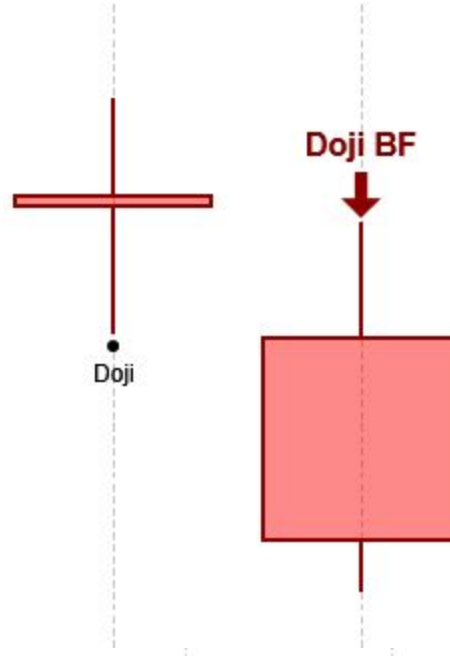
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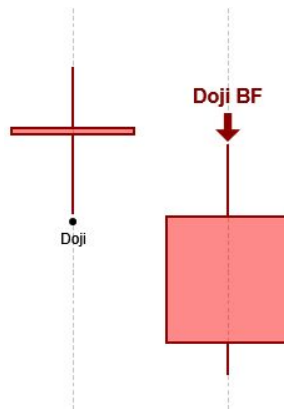
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- The further the doji is away from the T-line (8 EMA) the higher the probability of reversal (mean reversion)
- Gap or close above T-line

# Doji Bear Friend



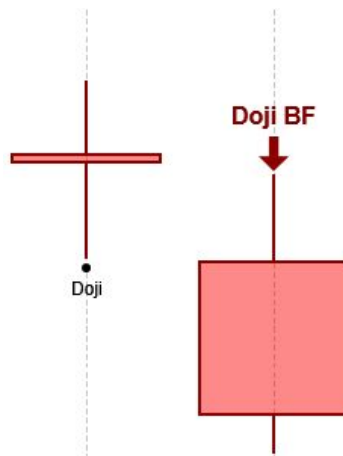
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A doji or spinning top forms

The next bar prices gap down below the trading range of the doji.

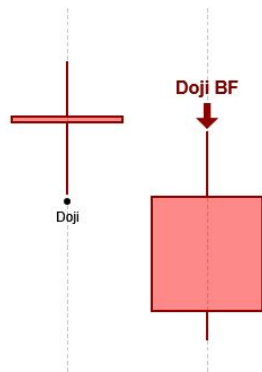
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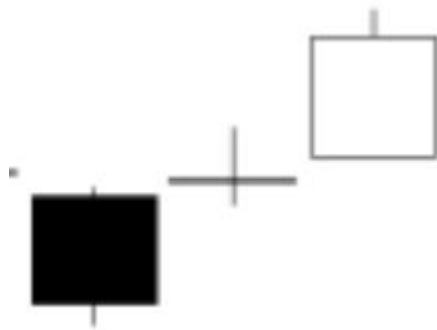
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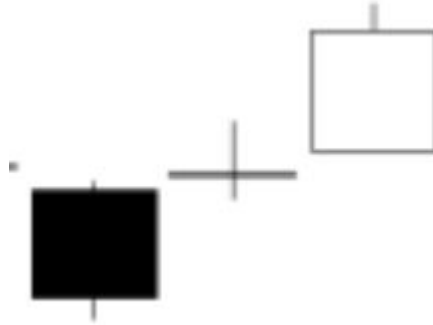
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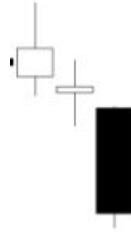
# Bullish Flutter Kicker



## Requirements

- A Moderate to large dark candles forms at the end of a downtrend
- The second day prices gap up to open at or above the previous days open
- The third day opens positive, above the body of the doji
- Bullish buy signal - Can buy immediately on the open of the third day

# Bearish Flutter Kicker

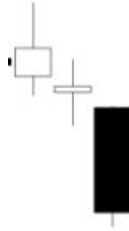


## PATTERN REQUIREMENTS:

- A moderate to large candle forms at the end of an uptrend
- The second day gaps down below the previous days open and forms a Doji/spinning top.
- The third day opens below the body of the Doji.
- Traders wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should short immediately.



# Bearish Flutter Kicker

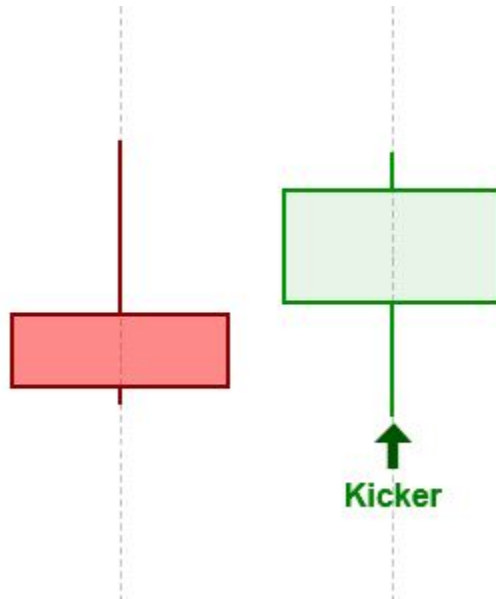


The Bearish Flutter Kicker alerts traders to take a short trade. With moderate to large dark candle formations at the end of an uptrend, the next trading period gaps down below the previous day's Open, forming a Doji.

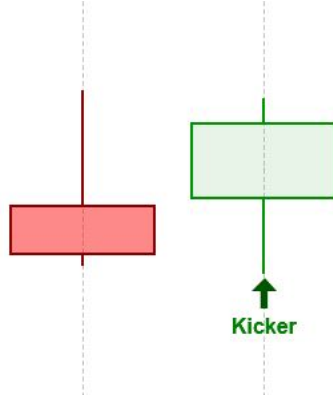
You have an immediate short signal upon seeing prices open on the third day below the body of the Doji.

Exit on any trading above the Open of trading above the previous day's candle body.

# Bullish Kicker



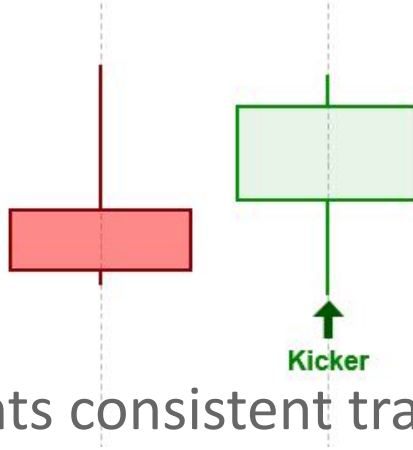
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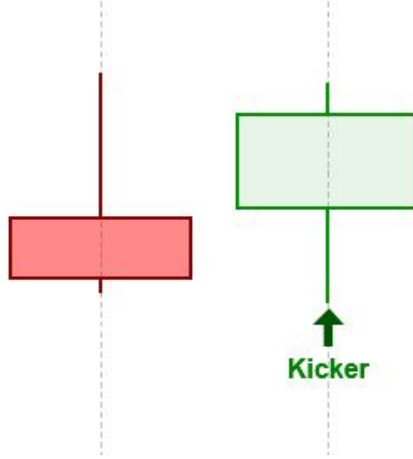
- A moderate to large dark candle forms at the end of a downtrend.
- The next day prices gap up to open at or above the previous day's Open and continues in an upward direction.

# Bullish Kicker



The Bullish Kicker presents consistent trading opportunities for long positions. This signal is even more powerful when it forms at a major support level. The larger the dark candle at the bottom is, the more powerful the reversal. Your exit strategy should be swift upon any trading below the open of the previous day's candle body.

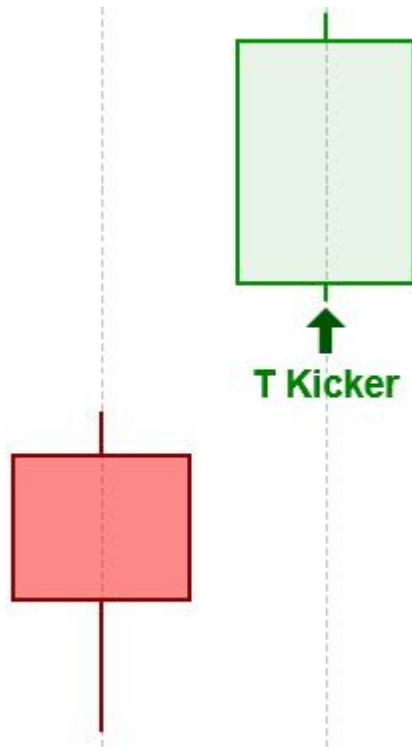
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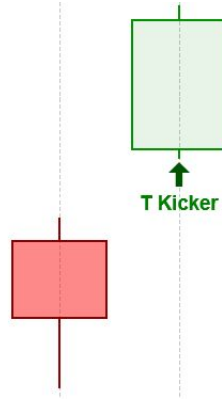
## ENHANCEMENTS:

- If a kicker signal forms at a major support level, this signal is much more powerful.
- The bigger the dark candle at the bottom, the more powerful the reverse.

# Bullish Trend Kicker



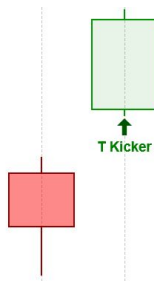
# Bullish Trend Kicker



## PATTERN REQUIREMENTS:

- An uptrend is in progress.
- A bearish candle forms.
- The second day opens at or above the previous day and continues to trade positive.

# Bullish Trend Kicker

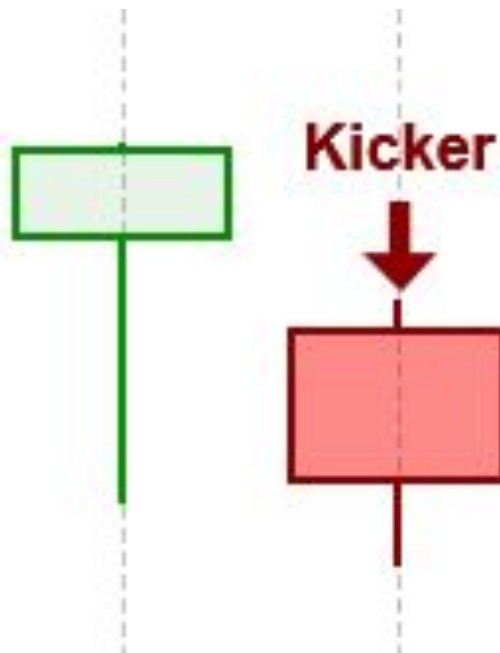


The Bullish Trend Kicker indicates that the profit-taking during the current uptrend is over, and there is still significant bullish sentiment for the trend to continue.

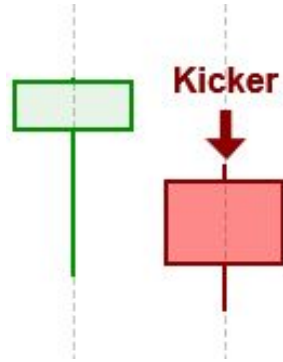
Exit on any trading below the Open of the previous day's candle body.



# Bearish Trend Kicker



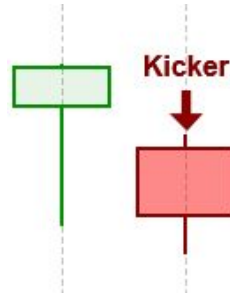
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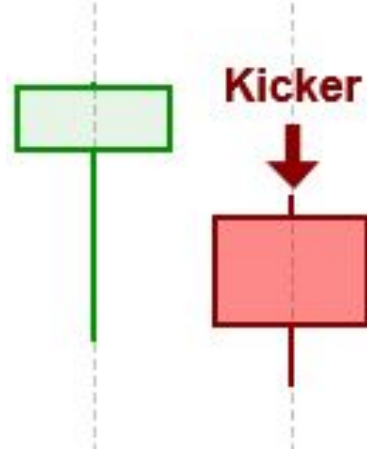
- A moderate to large bullish candle forms at the end of an uptrend.
- The second day gaps down below the Open of the previous day, and prices move immediately to the downside.

# Bearish Trend Kicker



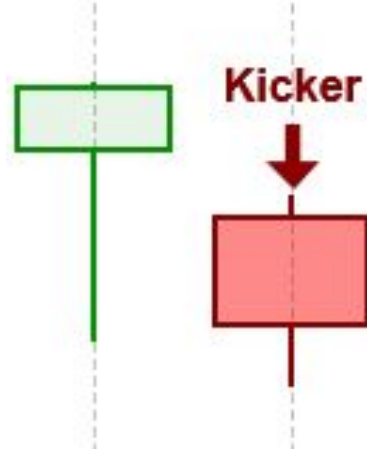
This Bearish Kicker presents excellent shorting opportunities. This signal is even more powerful when it forms at a major support level (major moving average, trendline, etc.).

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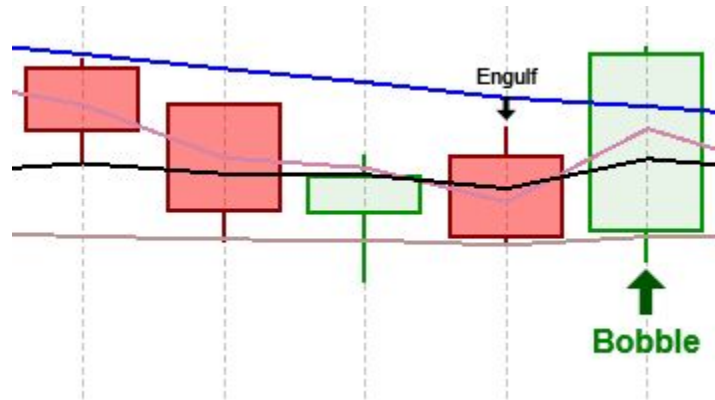
- A downtrend is in progress.
- A moderate to large bullish candle forms.
- The second day gaps down below the Open of the previous day and continues to trade down.



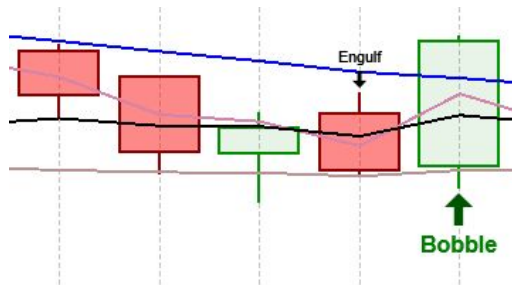
The Bearish Trend Kicker indicates short-term profit-taking of the bears is over, and the original sentiment continues.

Exit on any trading above the Open of the previous day's candle body.

# Bobble Breakouts



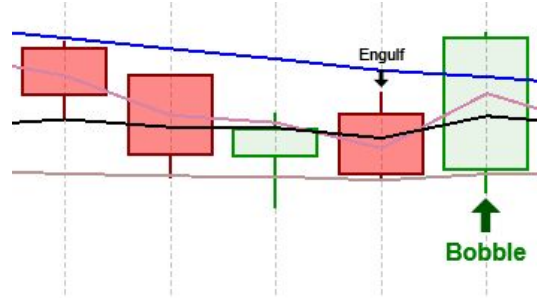
# Bullish Bobble Breakout



## PATTERN REQUIREMENTS:

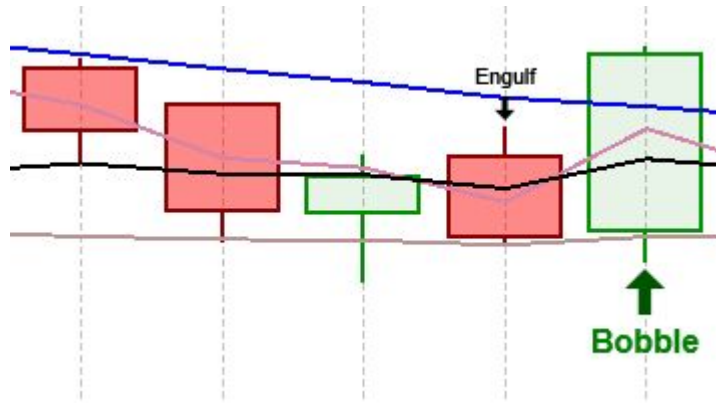
- Price rises to a major resistance level.
- Price reverses but usually in an indecisive manner, illustrated by indecisive candlestick formations.
- Usually, the T line acts as a support, limiting the pullback.
- Additional buying is witnessed, approaching the initial resistance level a second time.
- A breakthrough of the resistance level now forms a strong upside potential, the J hook pattern.

# Bullish Bobble Breakout



The Bobble Pattern is an extremely high-profit pattern setup. It is essentially a J Hook pattern with easy-to-identify added criteria. Common resistance levels are utilized, and the T-Line acts as a support confirmation. Traders looking to take advantage of this trade should look to buy above resistance. This is initially the TLine (8 EMA) and then the 50-day SMA. Traders should look to immediately exit this trade if it trades below the setup bars low or if a bar closes below the T-Line (8 EMA) after being above it.

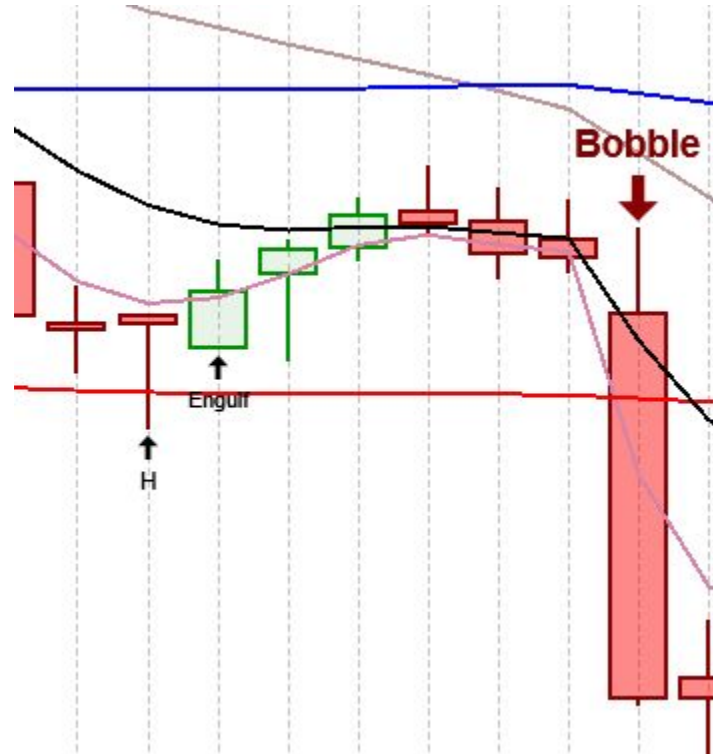




## ENHANCEMENTS:

- The signal occurs at the bottom of a trend.
- The signal occurs at a major technical level, (moving average, trend line, Fibonacci number, etc.), the more powerful the uptrend will be.
- Stochastics are pointed upwards.

# Bearish Bobble Breakout



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## PATTERN REQUIREMENTS::

- Price fall to a major support level.
- Price reverses but usually in an indecisive manner, illustrated by indecisive candlestick formations.
- Usually, the T line acts as resistance, limiting the pullback.
- Additional selling occurs, approaching the initial support level a second time.
- A breakthrough of the support level now forms a strong downside potential, an inverted J hook pattern.



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The Bobble Pattern is an extremely high-profit pattern setup. It is essentially an inverted J Hook pattern with easy-to-identify added criteria. Common support levels are utilized, and the T-Line acts as resistance confirmation.

Traders looking to take advantage of this trade should look to sell below support.

Traders should look to immediately exit this trade if it trades above the setup bar's high or if a bar closes above the T-Line (8 EMA) after being below it.



# Bearish Bobble Breakout

## ENHANCEMENTS:

- The signal occurs at the top of a trend.
- The signal occurs at a major technical level, (moving average, trend line, Fibonacci number, etc.), the more powerful the downtrend will be.
- Stochastics are pointed downwards.



# Frypans



# Frypan in an Uptrend



## PATTERN REQUIREMENTS:

- Prices are in an uptrend.
- A slow rounding retracement forms, consisting of indecisive trading.
- As the end of the pattern approaches the same levels as when the pattern started, watch for breakout signals.
- Breakout indicators include a gap up, a big bullish candle, a candlestick signal combination, a belt hold, etc.

# Frypan in an Uptrend



This visually Bullish Trading pattern captures the psychology behind the price movement. The slow rounding pullback illustrates indecisive trading. As the pattern approaches the same level where it began, the trader sentiment is hinting at a continued favorable bias to the upside. Watch for any breakout indicators (e.g., a Gap up, a large Bullish Candle, a Belt Hold, etc.) creating an alert that it is time to go long. Exit on any trading that closes below the trajectory (breakout) of the pullback formation.



# Frypan in a Down or Sideways Trend



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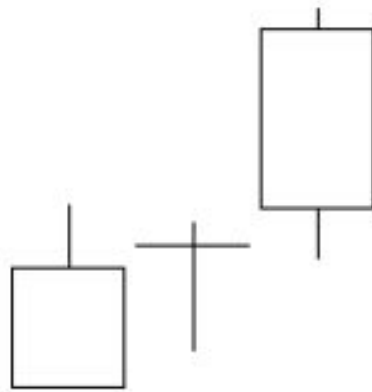
- A slow rounding bottom forms, consisting of indecisive trading.
- As the end of the pattern approaches the same levels as when the pattern started, watch for breakout signals
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# Frypan in a Down or Sideways trend

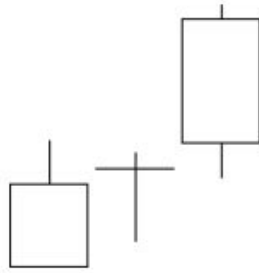


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# Doji Sandwich



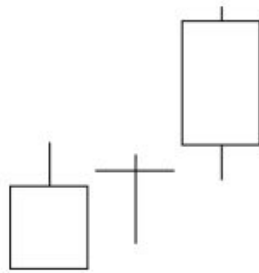
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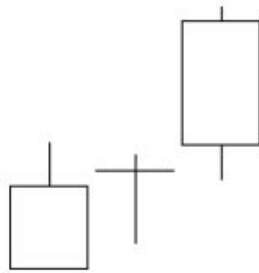
- Bar One - A large candlestick formation, usually indicating confirmation of a reversal.
- Bar Two - A positive open, at or near the previous day's Close, with trading resulting in a doji candle.
- Bar Three – A positive open, with a bullish candle of a similar magnitude as bar one. As defined by Steve Bigalow.

# Doji Sandwich



The Doji Sandwich is a result of the consistent aspects of human nature. It provides an extremely high probability result. The Doji Sandwich usually occurs after the initial reversal signal has been identified. The Doji Sandwich indicates a greater potential upside. Traders looking to take advantage of this trade should look to target resistance.

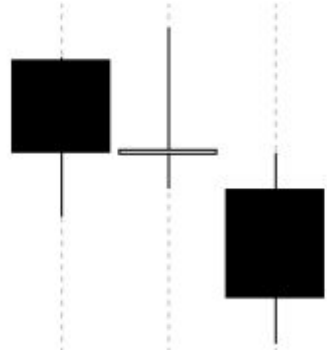
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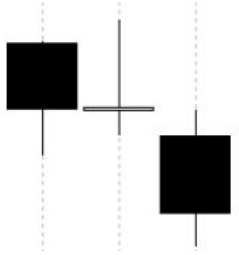
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# Bearish Doji Sandwich



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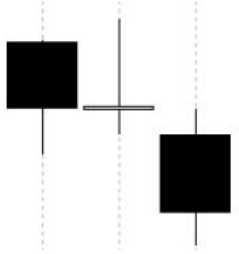


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- Bar Three – A negative open, with a bearish candle of a similar magnitude as bar one.

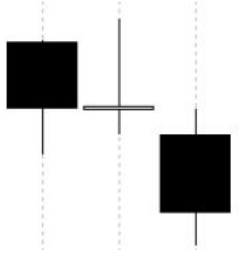


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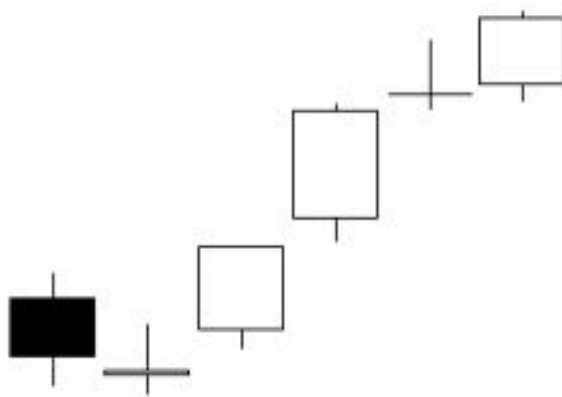
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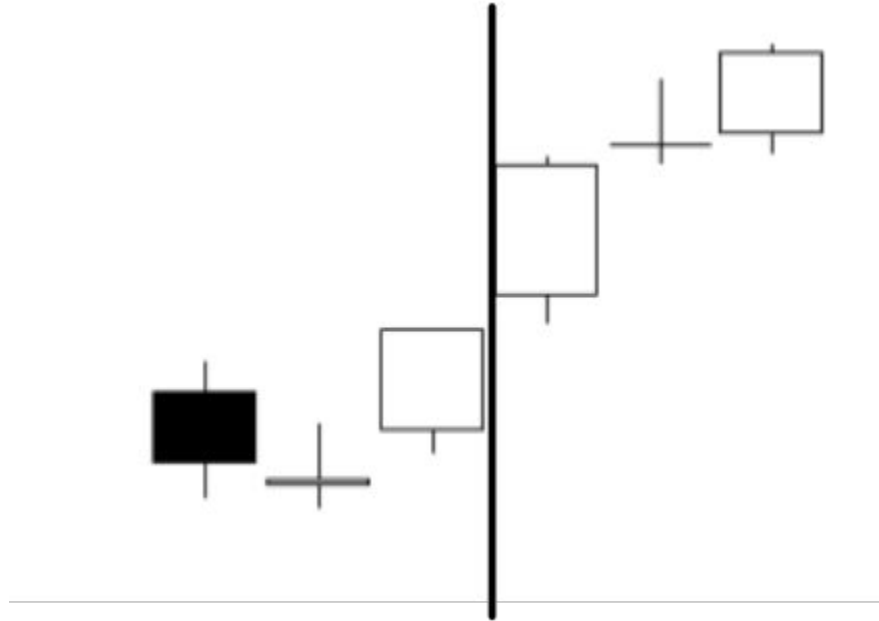
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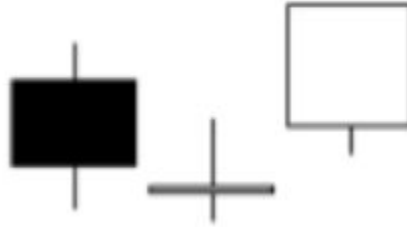
# Muffin Sandwich



# Muffin Sandwich: A Rare Combination of Two Patterns

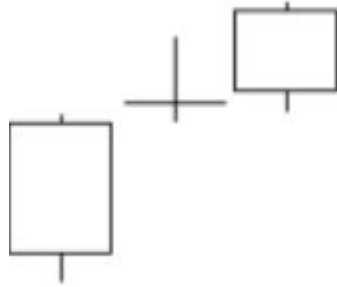


# Morning Star



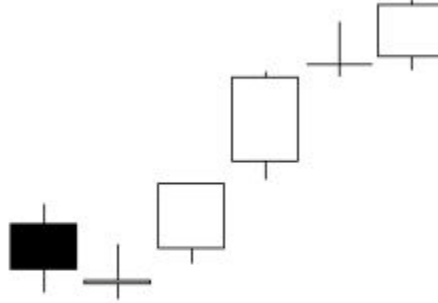
- Bar One - A large filled-in candlestick located in a defined downtrend
- Bar Two – A small-bodied candle that closes below bar one.
- Bar Three – A large white candle that opens above the middle candle and closes near the center of bar one

# Doji Sandwich



- Bar Four - A large candlestick formation, usually indicating confirmation of a reversal.
- Bar Five - A positive Open, at or near the previous day's Close, with trading resulting in a doji candle.
- Bar Six – A positive Open, with a bullish candle of a similar magnitude as bar one.

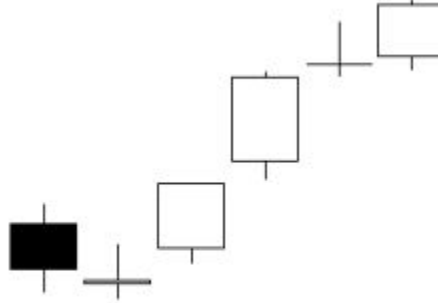
# Muffin Sandwich



The Morning Star pattern signals an initial reversal signal has been identified. The Doji Sandwich indicates more potential upside in the reversal.

Traders looking to take advantage of this trade should look to target resistance. Traders should look to immediately exit this trade if it trades below the previous bar's Low or if a bar closes below the T-Line (8 EMA).

# Muffin Sandwich

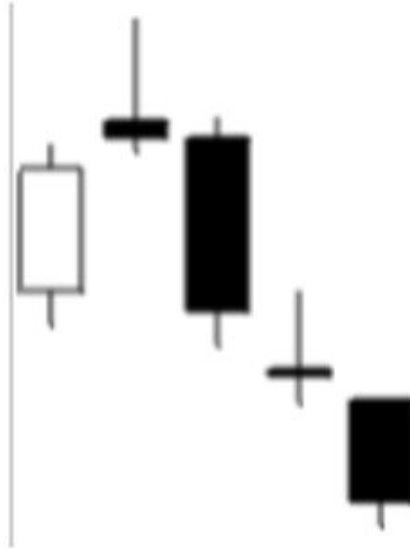


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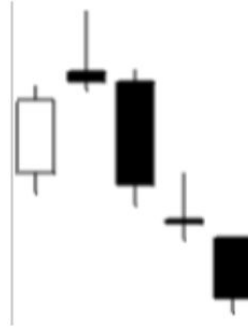
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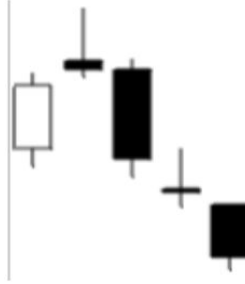
# Dagwood Sandwich



## Evening Star:

- Bar One - A large white candle located in a defined uptrend
- Bar Two – A small-bodied candle that closes above bar one.
- Bar Three – A large black candle that opens below the middle candle and closes near or below the center of bar one

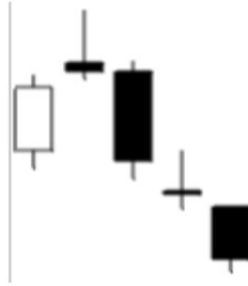
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Doji Sandwich:

- Bar Three – A large black candle that opens below the middle candle and closes near or below the center of bar one
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- Bar Five – A negative open, with a bearish candle of a similar magnitude as bar three.

# Dagwood Sandwich



The bearish Evening Star signal implies a downtrend is starting. A bearish Doji Sandwich implies more downside potential. The combination of the two formations produces stronger probabilities of the bears taking control.

# Dagwood Sandwich



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# About Steve Bigalow

**Stephen W. Bigalow** possessed decades of investment experience, including eight years as a stockbroker with major Wall Street firms: Kidder Peabody & Company, Cowen & Company, and Oppenheimer & Company. This was followed by fifteen years of commodity trading, which overlapped with twelve years of real estate investing. He holds a business and economics degree from Cornell University and has lectured at Cornell and many private educational investment functions over the past twenty years.

Mr. Bigalow advised professional traders, money managers, mutual funds and hedge funds, and is recognized by many in the trading community as the “professional’s professional.”

Steve was a great trader and developed many powerful candlestick patterns. He was an esteemed technician. He had a great sense of humor. His contributions to the field of technical analysis were immense.



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