Classic Chart Patterns

A quick reference guide for traders

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Triple Bottoms

Bullish: The Triple Bottom starts with prices moving downward, followed by three sharp lows, all at about the same price level. Volume diminishes at each successive low and finally bursts as the price rises above the highest high, confirming as a sign of bullish price reversal. Bearish Counterpart: Triple Top.



Upside Breakouts

Bullish: An Upside Breakout occurs when the price breaks out through the top of a trading range marked by horizontal boundary lines across the highs and lows. This bullish pattern indicates that prices may rise explosively over a period of days or weeks as a sharp uptrend appears. Bearish counterpart: Downside Breakout.



Double Bottoms

Bullish: This pattern marks the reversal of a prior downtrend. The price forms two distinct lows at roughly the same price level. Volume reflects weakening of downward pressure, tending to diminish as it forms, with some pickup at each low and less on the second low. Finally the price breaks out above the highest high to confirm the bullish signal. Bearish counterpart: Double Top.



Flags & Pennants

Bullish or Bearish: Flag follows a steep rise in price ("flagpole"), It's marked by two parallel trendlines around a period of consolidation as volume subsides. Flag can be horizontal or slightly downward. Price breaks the upper trendline marking a resuming bullish uptrend. Pennants converge rather than parallel. Bearish flags occur during a steep drop in price with the flag horizontal or slightly upward.



Triangles

Bullish: Two converging trendlines as prices reach lower/stable highs and higher lows. Volume diminishes and price swings between an increasingly narrow range. Before the triangle reaches its apex, the price breaks out above the upper trendline with a noticeable increase in volume, confirming the bullish continuation of uptrend. Triangles can also appear during a downtrend, signaling a bearish continuation.



Head & Shoulders

Bullish: This pattern is created by three successive price declines following a significant downtrend. The lowest low (head), is flanked by two higher lows at roughly the same level (shoulders). Volume highest for first two declines, then diminishes through right shoulder. Volume surges as price closes above the neckline to confirm the bullish reversal. Bearish counterpart: Head and Shoulders Top.



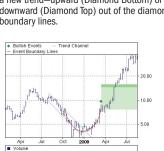
Diamonds

Bullish or Bearish: These patterns usually form over several months and volume will remain high during formation. Prices create higher highs and lower lows in a broadening pattern, then the trading range narrows after peaking highs and uptrending lows trend. The breakout direction signals the resolution to a new trend-upward (Diamond Bottom) or downward (Diamond Top) out of the diamond's boundary lines.



Megaphones

Bullish: The rare Megaphone Bottom—a.k.a. Broadening Pattern—can be recognized by its successively higher highs and lower lows, which form after a downward move. The bullish pattern is confirmed when, usually on the third upswing, prices break above the prior high but fail to fall below this level again. Bearish counterpart: Megaphone Top.



Rounded Bottoms

Bullish: This pattern follows a downtrend, forming a gradual bowl shape reflecting a shift in the balance of supply and demand. Volume tends to mirror the price pattern. After relative inactivity at the bottom of the bowl, the price pattern starts upward turn. As sentiment turns, volume tends to increase. Bullish pattern is confirmed when price crosses above its moving average.

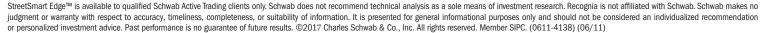


Wedges

Bullish or Bearish: A Continuation Wedge consists of two converging trend lines. Like a Triangle, but its apex slants downwards at an angle. As it forms over time, volume diminishes and trend appears downward, but long-term range is still upward. Bullish pattern is confirmed when prices break above the upper trendline. A bearish wedge appears with converging trendlines pointing slightly upward.



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