



# BEARISH JAPANESE CANDLESTICKS & STRATEGIES

A guide to using this popular and trusted Technical Analysis tool  
Examples of Forex and CFD Strategies



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# 06 BEARISH REVERSALS

“ FOLLOW WHAT YOU SEE ON  
**THE PRICE CHARTS,** NOT  
WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE. ”  
*- Andreas Thalassinos*

6.1 Long Black Body

6.2 Shooting Star

6.3 Belt Hold

6.4 Engulfing Pattern

6.5 Harami

6.6 Dark Cloud Cover

6.7 Tweezers

6.8 Three Inside Down

6.9 Three Black Crows

6.10 Evening Star



## 06 BEARISH REVERSALS

### 6.5 HARAMI

A small candlestick body of either colour follows a candlestick of a long white body. The colour of the small candlestick is not important. The bullish rally is running out of steam as shown by the presence of the small candle which signals uncertainty, as it is contained by the previous long body. The weakness of the market to push prices higher and the presence of the pattern at the end of an upward move, signals possible bearish implications.

#### Meaning

After a prolonged rally, traders continue to trade in the direction of the prevailing trend until the market enters a phase of uncertainty, as traders are not willing to move the market higher nor lower at the moment. The fact that price action has been contained within the previous session's open and close manifests reluctance to move higher and a possible bearish reversal.

#### Supply/Demand

Equilibrium.

#### Direction

Possible bearish reversal.

#### Sentiment

Neutral.

#### Trigger

Consider selling if next candle falls below the low of the long white candle.



Color of the body	White
Range of the body	Long
Range of the upper shadow	Small
Range of the lower shadow	Small
Location	End of uptrend or upward move. Precedes a small candlestick of small body.

Color of the body	White or Black
Range of the body	Small
Range of the upper shadow	Small
Range of the lower shadow	Small
Location	End of uptrend or upward move. Follows a long white body. Body is within the range of the previous white candle's body.



# 07 BEARISH STRATEGIES

“ HE WHO KNOWS WHEN TO FIGHT AND  
WHEN TO AVOID A FIGHT WILL BE  
VICTORIOUS.  
- Sun Tzu ”

- 7.1 Shooting Star, RSI and SMA (50)
- 7.2 Dark Cloud Cover, RSI and SMA(20) as Take-Profit Target
- 7.3 Harami with RSI filtering and SMA(50) as Take-Profit Target
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- 7.5 Long Black Body filtered by RSI and LWMA(50)
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- 7.8 Engulfing with Stochastics and LWMA(50)
- 7.9 Belt Hold with Stochastics and EMA(20)
- 7.10 Three Inside Down with RSI and SMA(50)



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## 7.5 Long Black Body filtered by RSI and LWMA(50)

At the top of an uptrend, the appearance of a Long Black Body filtered by RSI at the overbought area.



Consider selling when the next candle falls below the low of the Long Black Body.

Consider placing a protective stop loss at the top of the Long Black Body.

Take-Profit strategy is heavily dependent on the trading profile of each individual:

1. Close 60% of the position when price travels 100% the length of the Long Black Body.
  - a. Close the remaining 40% when price reaches 200% the length of the Long Black Body or prices reach the LWMA(50) or at the presence of a reversal candlestick, whichever happens first.
2. Other combinations may be applied.



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