

SDES · FREE BOOKMAP ADD-ON

# A Better Drawing Tool

Quick Start

The full toolkit.

A floating palette of lines, shapes, zones, measures & notes.

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A Better Drawing Tool is the full-palette free Bookmap add-on — a floating tool palette (titled ABDT) for marking up your chart like a charting platform: lines, shapes, arrows, measures, long/short positions, Buyers/Sellers zones, and notes.

## Install

- 1 Download the jar from [sdes.dev](https://sdes.dev) (free tools section).
- 2 In Bookmap: Settings → Configure add-ons → Add, pick the jar, and enable it on your instrument.
- 3 The floating tool palette opens. If you close it, reopen it from the add-on settings (“Open tool palette”) or bind the Show tool palette hotkey.
- 4 \*(Optional)\* Under Settings → Keyboard shortcuts → Add-ons you can bind at-cursor actions (Draw Buyers zone, Draw Sellers zone, Delete nearest object). Any keys work — NumPad 7 / 8 / 9 are a good fit.

## The palette

Click a tool to arm it (the button stays pressed), then click the chart to place it. The tool auto-returns to Select after one placement; double-click a tool to make it sticky (keeps placing until you click Select or press Esc). With no tool armed, the chart pans and zooms exactly as normal.

Group	Tools
Select	The default arrow — click objects to pick, move, or resize them.
Lines	H-Line (infinite horizontal at a price), V-Line (vertical at a time), Ray (horizontal from a point, extends right).
Shapes	Rectangle — two clicks, corner to corner.
Arrows	Up / Down — one click drops a marker.
Measurers	Range (price-range measure: $\Delta\text{ticks} / \Delta\text{points} / \Delta\text{\$}$ ), Long and Short position tools that show R:R (e.g. “R:R 1.48 · 23t/\$287.50 → 34t/\$425”).
Zones	Buyers (green) / Sellers (red) bands from the cursor price, extending right.
Notes	Note — click, type, Enter places a small callout.
Delete	Removes the next object you click.

### Adjust

- Drag an object’s body to move it; drag an edge or corner to resize (it lights up when you are on it).
- On a position tool, drag entry / stop / target independently — the R:R pill recomputes live.
- A Color picker and Style controls (Width, Text size, Fill %) set how objects look.

### Settings — five tabs (gear icon)

- Drawing — line width and style (solid / dotted / dashes), note text size, fill opacity, \$/point, behavior.

- Zones — Buyers/Sellers colors, per-type opacity, outline, fixed-pixels vs fixed-ticks sizing.
- Scheduled — recurring auto vertical-lines at a chosen time/timezone (e.g. 09:30 ET) each trading day, DST-correct.
- Window — show/hide the palette and objects window, the count badge, and the update-check off-switch.
- About — version, license (free, as-is, no warranty), and the risk disclaimer.

## The objects window

A floating list of everything you have drawn — one row per object with a trash-can to delete it, plus Delete all. Toggle it from the palette's list button or the Show objects window hotkey.

Your drawings and settings save automatically per instrument and come back when you restart Bookmap.

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