

Ten tips for charts

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Hello, and welcome to Mark's Excel Tips. In this article, I will show you the eighth tip, in a series of 10, tips for Excel charts. After going through these ten charting tips, you'll be faster and more efficient than ever before. You can find the links to each of these 10 Excel tips at the bottom of this article. Let's get started.

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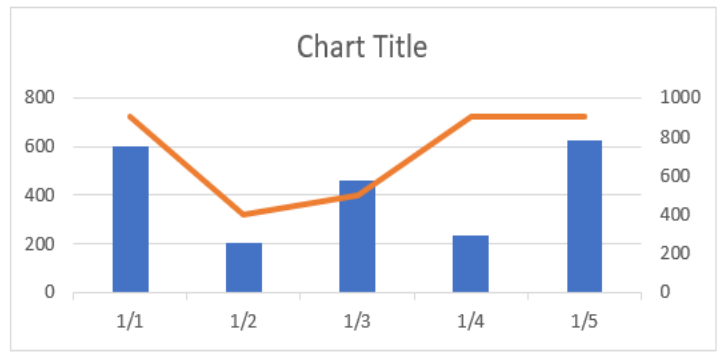
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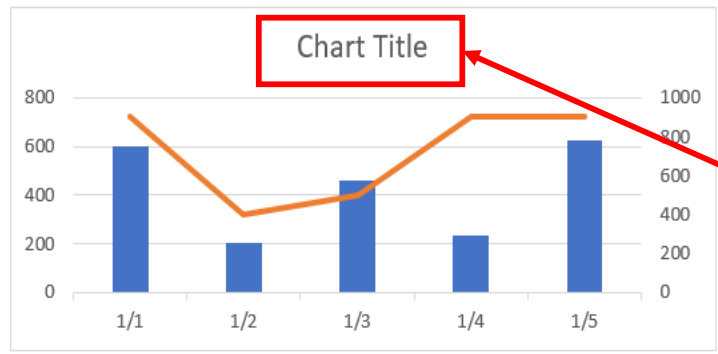
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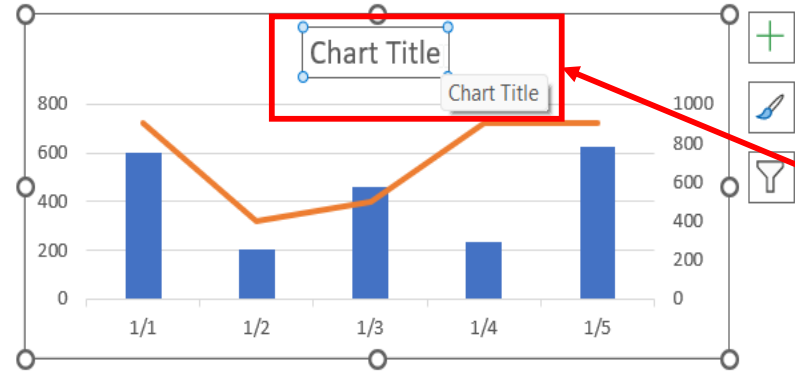
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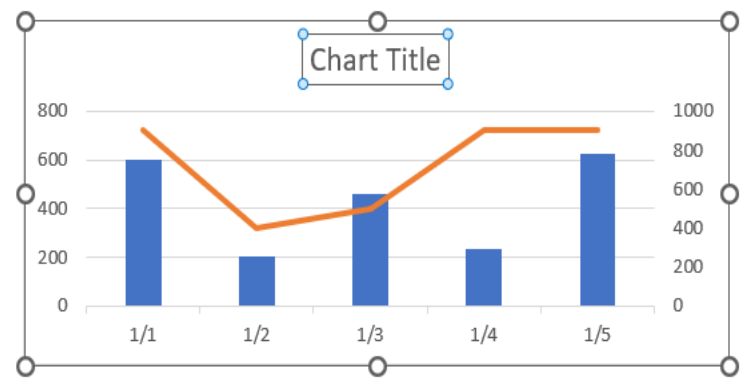
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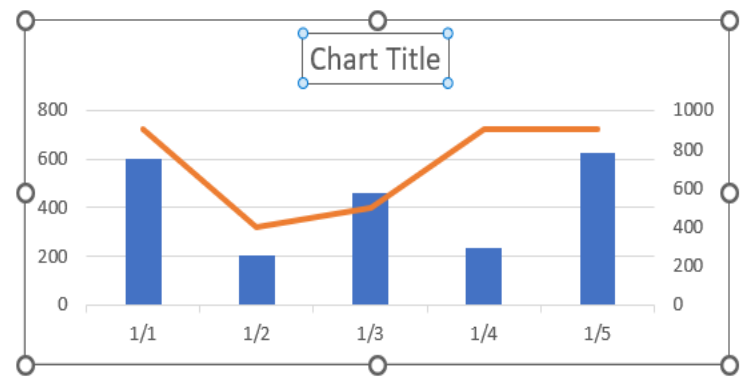
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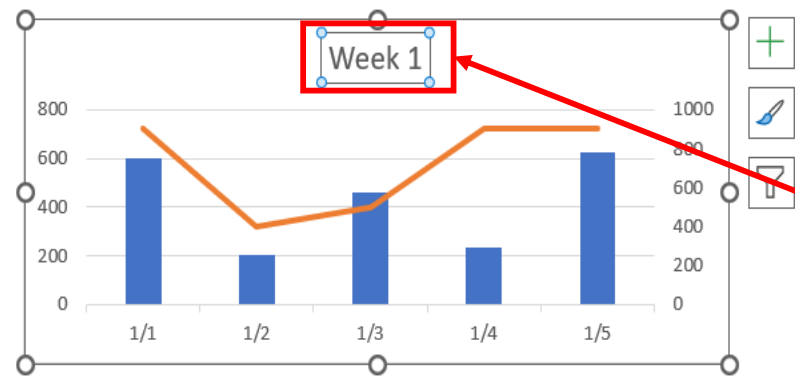
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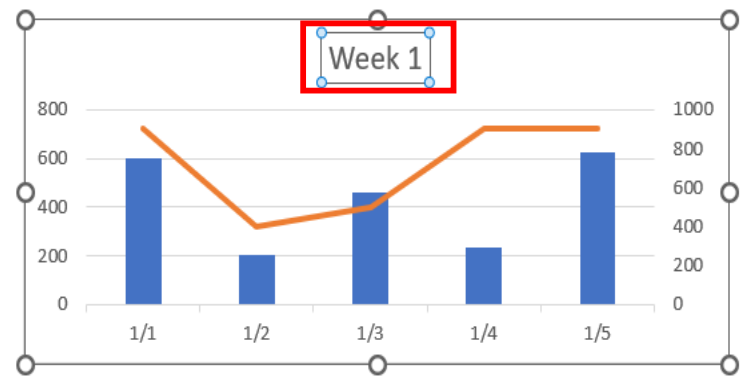
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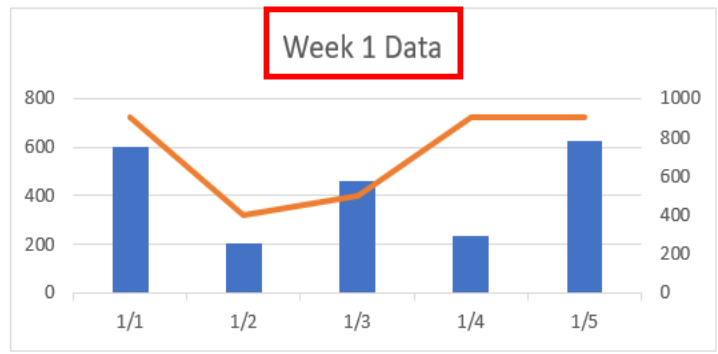
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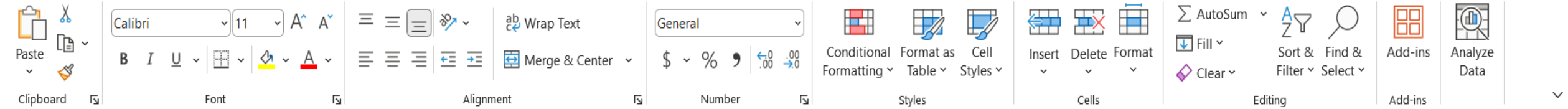


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