



# Minos Maze Maker

## Press Kit

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# Overview

Minos Maze Maker is a maze generator that creates myriad mazes and their solutions for users to print or use in their own publications. The mazes can be directly printed or imported into newsletters, puzzle-books, or school handouts. They can easily design and customize the mazes, creating unique professional- looking puzzles.

The generated mazes are royalty-free, so the user can add them to newsletters, make and sell their own books with them without any need for commercial licensing. The puzzles and information always stay on the user's computer. They do not need to connect to the web or open an account to use Minos Maze Maker. The user may add credits or reference to my software in their product if they wish, but I do not require it.

Users can create, edit, save, and re-open one or more maze document files, just like when using a word processor. Each document saves all the settings and other information to recreate and re-display the maze. When the software is started for the first time, it will open a new document with default settings for a maze. Users can then change these settings, build a maze, print it with its solution, and save the maze document to a file on the computer, so they can open it back up later. This allows them to create, lay out and save many different mazes of different shapes and difficulty levels, and return to them later by simply opening them from their saved documents.

## Many Shapes and Sizes

Choose from many built-in maze shapes, several cell shapes, and the mazes can range in size from as small as 5x5 up to 50x50, or up to 80x80 in the Pro product.

## Maze-Phrase Mode

Add a word or phrase, and it will be laid along the solution path. The rest of the maze will be filled with letters from the phrase, and only the solution path will contain the entire correct phrase.

## Custom Detailing

Personalize mazes by choosing wall colors, thickness, and wiggleness, move the start and end spots anywhere, choose different solution path display styles, etc.

## Royalty-Free High-Quality Exports

The user can export high-resolution images of their mazes and solution keys for layout/publishing in their own books, newsletters, social media/web/blog, classroom handouts, games, or CNC/laser-cutter machines. Supported export formats are PDF, PNG, JPEG, SVG, text/info, and POV-Ray.

## Pretty Brainy

These are not just pretty mazes though. There is a powerful maze-generator under the hood with a unique maze-building algorithm. Just slide the "Difficulty to Solve" setting to whatever is needed, and Minos Maze Maker will quickly create easy, difficult, or diabolical mazes.

Note: The name "Minos Maze Maker" hints at the the story of the ancient Greek king Minos and his Minotaur who was hidden away in a labyrinth.

## Reviewer - Free Promo Code

Please e-mail me to request a "Promo Code" if you wish to receive a free fully-functioning version of the software to review. <mailto:note@schwansongs.com>

## Requirements/Pricing

**Product Name:** Minos Maze Maker

**Hardware/Software Requirements:** Runs on a Macintosh, Intel or Apple Silicon, under Mac OS 10.14 or newer.

**Price:**

- There is a separate free "Lite" version available with reduced functionality. See the enclosed "Feature Comparison" chart to review the feature differences between the pro, full and lite versions.
- \$14.99 USD for the Full version.
- The Full version has an in-app upgrade option to a "Pro" version, +\$29.99 USD, which immediately adds bulk-builder automation, larger maze sizes up to 80x80, alpha-numeric shapes, user-defined-shape designing option, option to export the maze with its title above it, and export of a text "info" file alongside the puzzle and solution files.

**Latest Version:** version 2.1.0, released September 2024

**Download:** The software is available directly on the Apple App Store. The Lite version is available both on the Apple App Store or directly downloaded from the my Product Web Page.

## Feature List

- Quickly create one, or dozens, or hundreds of wildly unique mazes.
- Choose from many built-in maze shapes: Square, Rectangles, Circle, Plus-sign, Square-hole, Donut, Heart, Bow-tie, Diamond, X, Pinwheel, UL-Wedge, LL-Wedge, UR-Wedge, LR-Wedge, Checkers, Crescent, Right-Arrow, Left-Arrow, Up-Arrow, Down-Arrow, Up-Triangle, Down-Triangle, Cross, Onion, 4-Clover, Square-Peg, Round-Peg, Mushroom, Oval-Easy, Oval-Up, Trapezoid, Pentagon, Hexagon, Octagon, 4-star, 5-star, 6-star, Chevron-Up, Chevron-Down,

Chevron-Left, Chevron-Right, Rainbow-Up, Rainbow-Down, Infinity. The Pro upgrade adds alpha-numeric shapes and your own user-designed shapes.

- Mazes can range from 5x5 up to 50x50 cells. The Pro upgrade goes up to 80x80.
- Cell shapes can be square, hexagon, delta/triangle, or "octo-grid".
- Easily change the maze difficulty. Simply move a slider from "very easy" mazes to "very hard" mazes, without worrying about all the details of how it works.
- Draw mazes with walls, or draw lines along all the inner paths or both. Customize the wall colors and thicknesses, and even make them wiggly for that hand-drawn look.
- "Maze-Phrase" - Add a word or phrase, and it will be laid along the solution path, with decoy letters along the wrong (dead-end) paths.
- "Daily Maze" - Automatically build a different maze each day, and the maze will be identical to any other "Daily Mazes" built on that same calendar day, anywhere around the world.
- Bulk-Build and export up to 100 different mazes at a time, using the Pro Bulk-Builder.
- Turn on "Progress Animation" to watch the maze get built, step by step.
- Save your maze files and share them with other Minos Maze Maker users, or open them again later to edit them to create whole new mazes.
- Easy printing of the maze and/or solution right to your printer.
- Export high-quality images of your mazes and solution keys for layout/publishing in your own books, newsletters, social media/web/blog, games, classroom handouts, or CNC/laser-cutter machines. Supports PDF, PNG, JPEG, SVG, ESP File, and POV-Ray file formats.
- Save a "snapshot" of your custom layout settings so you can instantly build other mazes with the same "look".
- Mazes will always be built with a single guaranteed solution, no islands here!
- Supports Dark Mode and Full-Screen mode.
- Comprehensive built-in 60+ page User Guide, containing tutorials and tips and describing every option, getting you up-to-speed right away.

## **Freedom to Publish, Transparency, Craftsmanship, Security, Privacy**

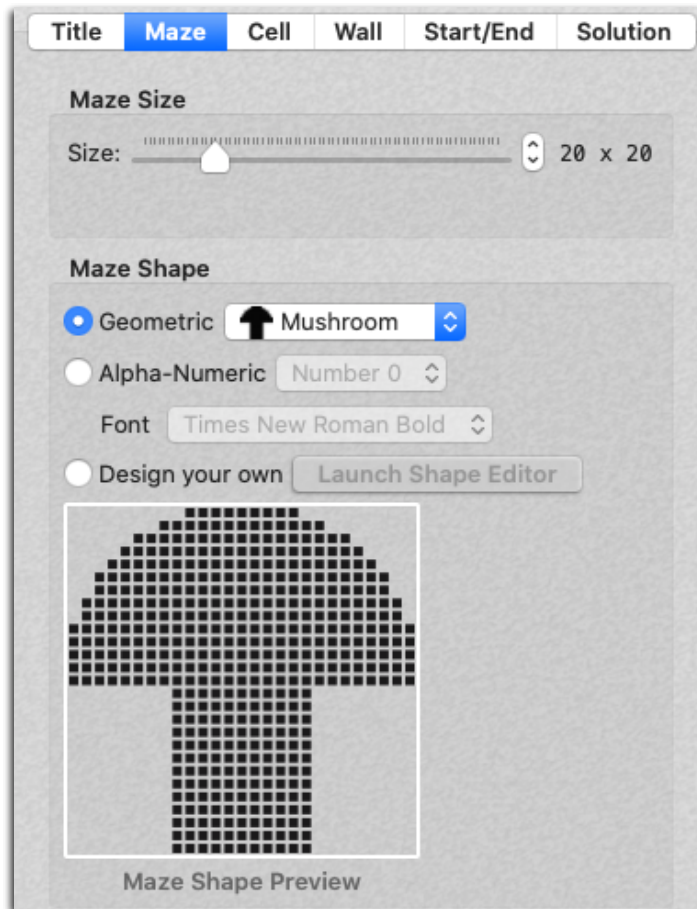
- All the mazes you create are 100% yours to publish and sell; no copyright restrictions or restrictive "commercial use" clauses here.
- Buy this software once and it is yours forever. You get all future new features and updates free. No upgrade costs or monthly "subscription/rental" fees. Ever.

- No ads to distract you from enjoying the software.
- This software was carefully and completely hand-designed and written by me. No A.I. toys were allowed anywhere near this software.
- Your work is safely yours and always stays on your computer. You are never required to create any account, and none of your information is ever stored in the cloud.

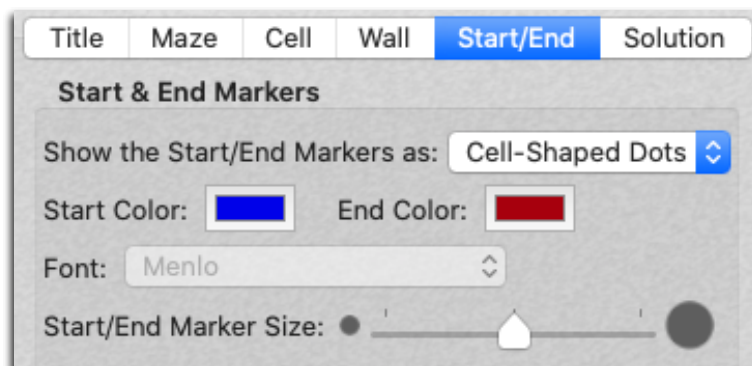
# Quick Usage Tutorial

Here is a quick 5-step tutorial for creating your first maze. We will pick some settings for this tutorial, and you can try other shapes and sizes later. When finished, it will look like the image below.

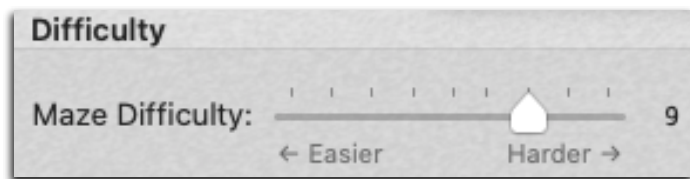
1. Lay out the size and shape of your maze: Tap the "Layout" tab, and under that, tap the "Maze" tab. Change the maze size (number of cells across and down) to 20x20, and change the maze shape to "Mushroom". Tap the "Cell" tab and set the cell shape to "Hex (Sigma)".



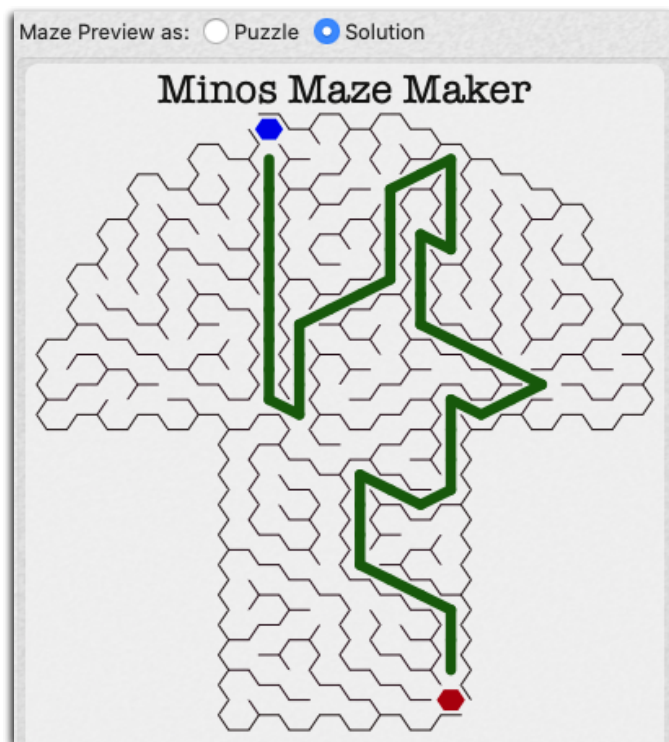
2. Choose how the Start marker, End marker and the Solution path will be displayed: Under the "Layout:Start/End" tab, set the Start/End markers to "Cell-Shaped Dots". In the "Layout:Solution" pane, set the "Show Maze Solution Path as:" to "Line", and choose a Green color for the Solution Path color.



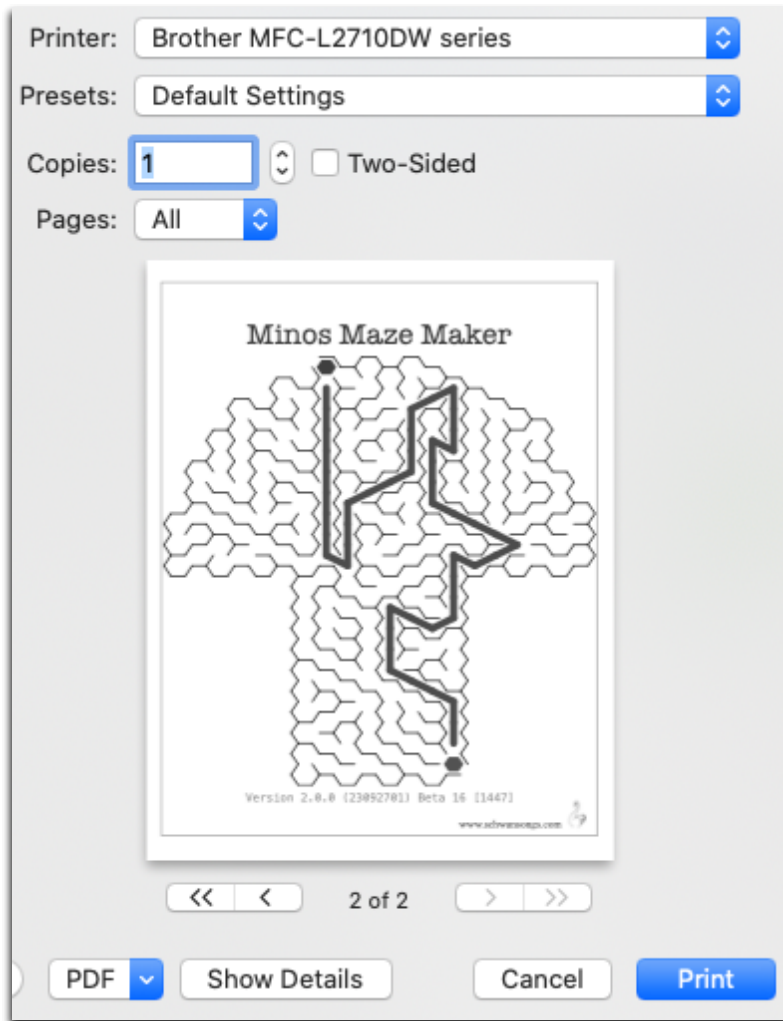
3. Now choose how difficult the maze will be to solve. Under the "Difficulty" tab, move the "Maze Difficulty" slider to 9, for "pretty difficult":



4. Tap the "Build" button at the bottom of the window, or type ⌘-B to build the maze, and wait a moment for it to build. Near the top of the window, set the "Maze Preview as:" to "Solution", and here is your maze, ready to print! The Preview will show something like this, with a different solution path. You can tap the Build button a few times to see how it creates a different maze and solution path each time, and stop when you see one you like.



5. Tap the “Print” button at the bottom of the window, or type ⌘-P, and you should see the Print Preview screen, ready to print your maze.





# Testimonials

“Minos Maze Maker is an incredible maze program. I’ve used it for student worksheets thus far but look forward to making more mazes. What I enjoy most are the different levels of difficulty – ranging from super easy to exceptionally difficult – and the large variety of shapes (square, circle and octagon are my favorite!) I can even add color to the mazes. I can’t wait to publish my first maze book!” - Jen Olson

“Minos Maze Maker is a game-changer for my religious education mission to children aged 3-11 worldwide. It's incredibly easy to use and offers a range of maze choices, sizes, and difficulties. The "exact-fit" feature is a standout, enabling one-path mazes that boost critical thinking. Its unique ability to incorporate religious verses and phrases into mazes makes learning both fun and meaningful, enriching the spiritual journey of young learners. I wholeheartedly recommend Minos Maze Maker for educators and parents in the global community.” — April Reinhardt

I can't recommend this software enough! It's hands down the best tool I've used for putting together my puzzle books. The Minos Maze Maker Pro makes it incredibly simple to design mazes of all sizes and shapes. It comes packed with options—whether it's different sizes, shapes, difficulty levels, or customizing the start and end points, you can do it all. Honestly, it's just fun to play around with and create all sorts of unique mazes. Plus, Eduard, the developer, has been amazing. He was quick to answer any questions I had, which made the whole experience even better. And one of the best parts? There's no subscription — just a one-time payment. Once you buy it, you own it, and it's all on your computer. No relying on web sites or online apps that could disappear at any time. If you're into making puzzles, I highly recommend both Minos Maze Maker Pro and Whirlwind Word Search Pro. They're fantastic tools that are a blast to use! — James R.

Minos Maze Maker was such a fantastic tool as I created my memory-friendly activity books (for people recovering from stroke, or living with memory loss). My goal was to create a range of activities that looked fun, appealing, and adult, but were slightly easier and more achievable than they would be in a mainstream book. It was essential to get the clarity, size and difficulty just right. Minos Maze Maker was perfect for my mazes (thanks also to SchwanSongs' Whirlwind Word Search software!) - Clare Harris (Unforgettable Notes)

# Useful Links

## Product Web Page Link

<http://www.schwansongs.com/minosmaze/>

## AppStore Links

**Macintosh Version:**

**Full:** <https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1520758121?ls=1&mt=12>

**Lite:** <https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1520758590?ls=1&mt=12>

## Promo Video Link

<https://youtu.be/TG7x-z-mno>

## FAQs

- *Can I make my own puzzle book with these mazes and sell the book without royalty or copyright issues?* - Yes you can... Any mazes you create using Minos Maze Maker are completely yours to give away or sell, no royalty payments or copyrights on your puzzles, you don't even need to mention this software.
- *Is this an interactive game I play on the computer?* - No, this is software that will print mazes and their solutions, or export them as image files.
- *Can I save the mazes as PDF files instead of printing them?* - Yes you can... Open your maze in Minos Maze Maker and choose the "File:Export:" menu and choose to export just the puzzle and answer key as a PDF file.
- *If I save a maze document, then later re-open it, will it keep the same solution?* - Yes, if you open a saved document, it will be laid out exactly the same way that you saved it.

# About

## SchwanSongs - The Company

SchwanSongs is a sole-proprietor-operated company, operated by myself, Eduard Schwan. I specialize in writing Macintosh and iOS software for education and entertainment. I have been writing software since I was a teenager (which would be several decades ago), and have worked at a variety of large and small companies like Jostens Learning, Gryphon Software, Intuit, GoPro, Globalink, Hewlett Packard, etc.

## Eduard Schwan - The Author

I spent my first lifetime in San Diego California, USA, writing various kinds of software including educational, language translation, tax preparation, and video/photo editing, as well as raising children and publishing a computer graphics book.

I am now enjoying my second lifetime with my wife, surrounded by eagles and owls in the forests of Washington State. I am busily writing and publishing my own software and books, composing music, making music videos, photographing wildlife, perfecting my home-roasted coffee, traveling and exploring, and still learning and creating new things every day.

## Contact Me

I have endeavored to offer helpful information about my product, but I may have missed something you need... please don't hesitate to e-mail me and I will answer any questions you may have!

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