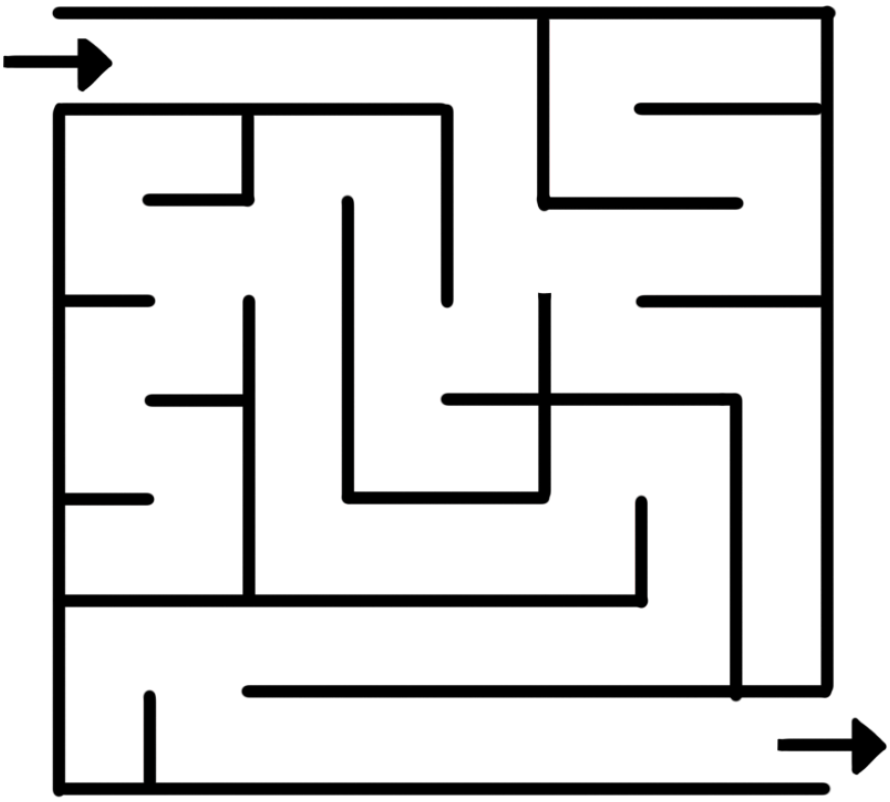
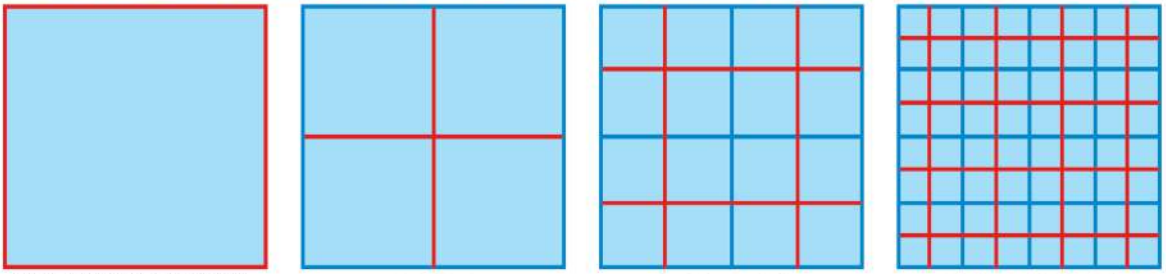
THE PHOENIX COMIC CLUB

HOW TO CREATE A MAZE PUZZLE





BUILDING BLOCKS – A GRID FOR YOUR MAZE!



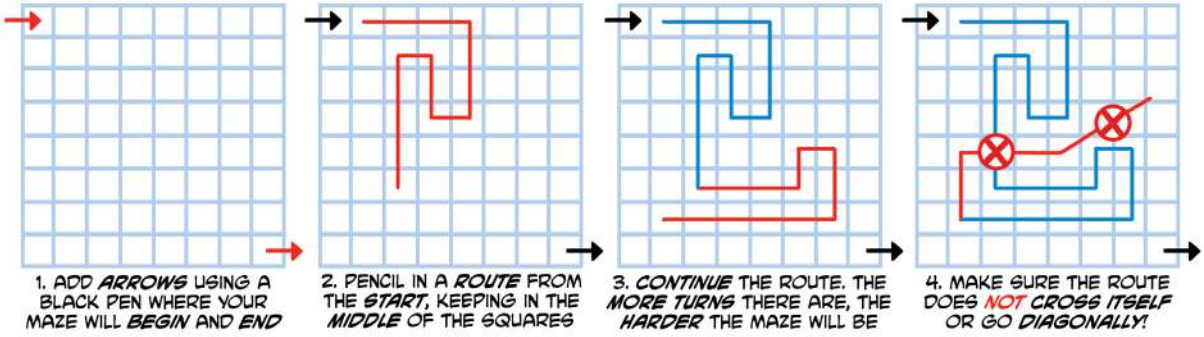
START OFF USING PENCIL AND DRAW A *SQUARE*

DIVIDE IT

DIVIDE IT *AGAIN*

AND *ONE MORE TIME*

ADD THE DETAILS

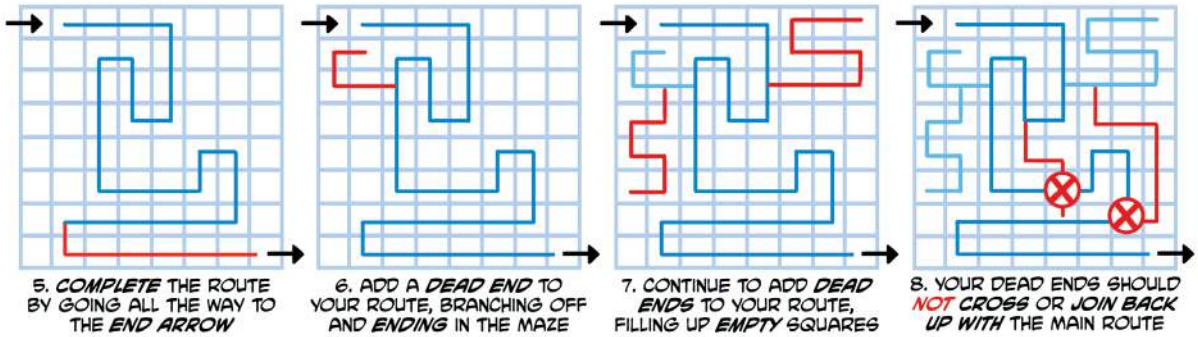


1. ADD *ARROWS* USING A BLACK PEN WHERE YOUR MAZE WILL *BEGIN* AND *END*

2. PENCIL IN A *ROUTE* FROM THE *START*, KEEPING IN THE *MIDDLE* OF THE SQUARES

3. *CONTINUE* THE ROUTE. THE *MORE TURNS* THERE ARE, THE *HARDER* THE MAZE WILL BE

4. MAKE SURE THE ROUTE DOES *NOT CROSS ITSELF* OR GO *DIAGONALLY!*

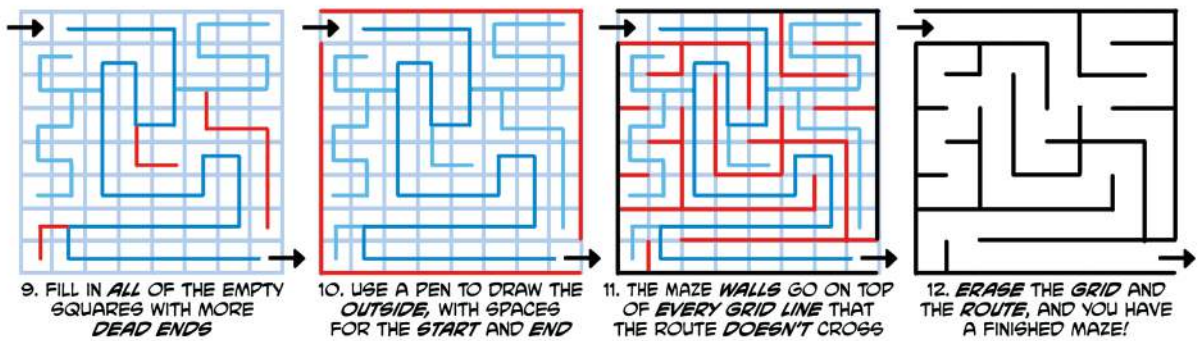


5. *COMPLETE* THE ROUTE BY GOING ALL THE WAY TO THE *END ARROW*

6. ADD A *DEAD END* TO YOUR ROUTE, BRANCHING OFF AND *ENDING* IN THE MAZE

7. CONTINUE TO ADD *DEAD ENDS* TO YOUR ROUTE, FILLING UP *EMPTY* SQUARES

8. YOUR DEAD ENDS SHOULD *NOT CROSS* OR *JOIN BACK UP WITH* THE MAIN ROUTE



9. FILL IN *ALL* OF THE EMPTY SQUARES WITH MORE *DEAD ENDS*

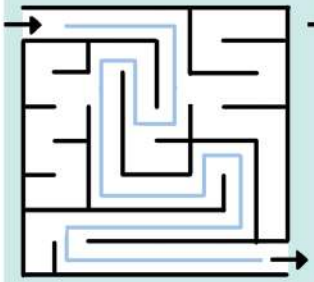
10. USE A PEN TO DRAW THE *OUTSIDE*, WITH SPACES FOR THE *START* AND *END*

11. THE MAZE *WALLS* GO ON TOP OF *EVERY GRID LINE* THAT THE ROUTE *DOESN'T* CROSS

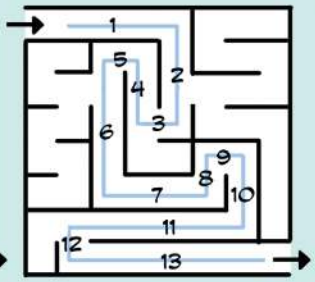
12. *ERASE* THE *GRID* AND THE *ROUTE*, AND YOU HAVE A FINISHED MAZE!

HIDE A SECRET MESSAGE!

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR MAZE MORE EXCITING BY HIDING A SECRET MESSAGE INSIDE IT...



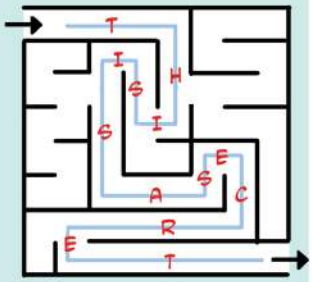
1. REMEMBER THE *CORRECT ROUTE* FOR YOUR MAZE... THIS IS IMPORTANT!



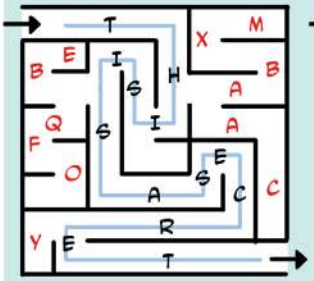
2. *COUNT* THE *NUMBER OF LINES* IN YOUR ROUTE...



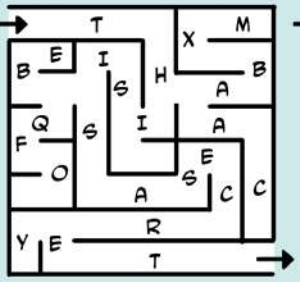
3. NOW COME UP WITH A SECRET MESSAGE THAT IS THAT NUMBER OF LETTERS LONG (OR LESS)!



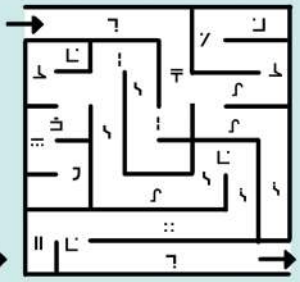
4. NOW, WRITE THE LETTERS OF YOUR PHRASE ALONG YOUR ROUTE, IN ORDER.



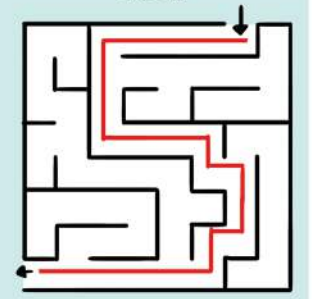
5. PUT *OTHER LETTERS* IN THE *DEAD ENDS* TO *CONCEAL* YOUR *ROUTE* AND YOUR *MESSAGE*



6. NOW YOU CAN ONLY UNCOVER THE *SECRET MESSAGE* BY FINDING THE *CORRECT ROUTE!*



7. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT EVEN *HARDER*, TURN YOUR LETTERS INTO A *CODE* (CHECK OUT THE 'HOW TO DRAW CIPHERS' TUTORIAL)

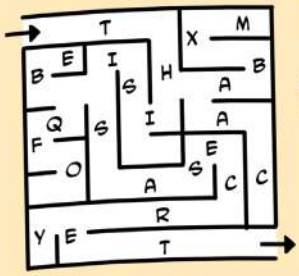


8. YOU CAN *ALSO* HIDE A *SECRET* BY DRAWING YOUR MAZE AROUND A ROUTE THAT'S THE SHAPE OF A *LETTER* OR *NUMBER!*

COMIC CLUB CHALLENGE – OVER TO YOU, PHOENIXERS!

GREAT JOB, *PHOENIXERS!* NOW IT'S *YOUR* TURN. WHY NOT TRY DRAWING YOUR OWN MAZE, AND TURNING IT INTO A CHALLENGE FOR YOUR FRIENDS OR YOUR FAMILY? TO MAKE YOUR MAZE EVEN BIGGER, YOU CAN DRAW A LARGER GRID, OR USED SQUARED PAPER!

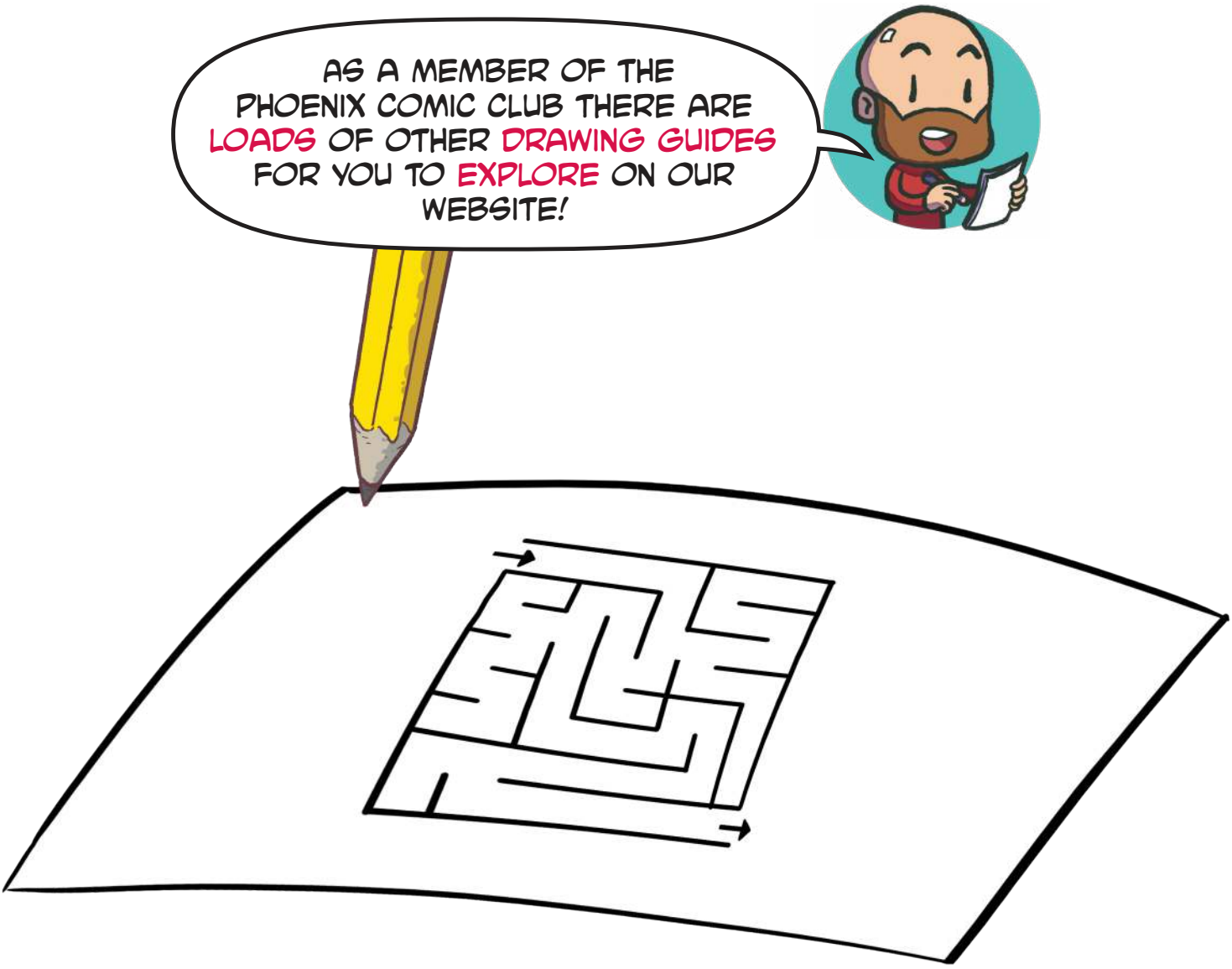
PUZZLE 1: UNCOVER THE SECRET MESSAGE



STEP 1: SOLVE THIS MAZE

STEP 2: WRITE THE SECRET MESSAGE HERE:

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