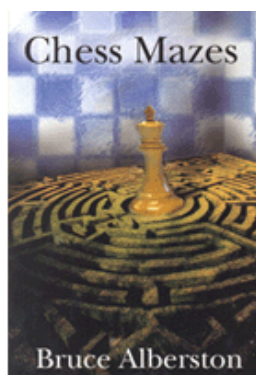




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## Chess Mazes

In the fall of 2004, popular chess author Bruce Alberston released a book called [Chess Mazes](#), designed to help students to develop their visualization and planning skills. *Chess Mazes* was an instant success and [ChessCafe.com](#) was delighted when Bruce agreed to offer a new *Chess Maze* puzzle each week.

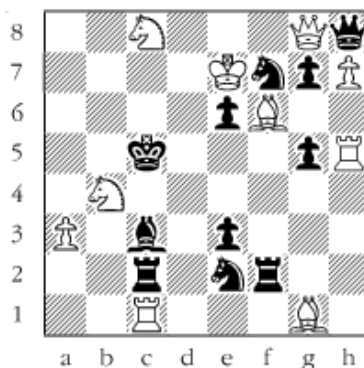
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

For those who may be interested in a more detailed introduction and overview to these puzzles, we invite you to take a look at the introduction from Bruce's book. Click [here](#) to read more, otherwise, we hope you enjoy this week's *Chess Maze* puzzle...

## A King Maze

Moving only the white king (legal moves of course) construct a checkmate for the black king. You'll need the white helping pieces, but these cannot move or be captured. Aim for the most efficient route. Avoid giving check.

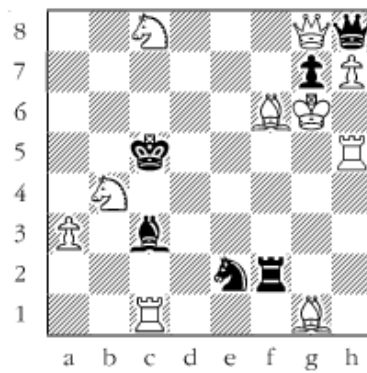
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1 Kd7 2 Kc7 3 Kb7 4 Ka6 5 Ka5 6 Ka4 7 Kb3 8 Kxc2 9 Kd3 10 Kxe3 11 Kd3 12 Kc2 13 Kb3 14 Ka4 15 Ka5 16 Ka6 17 Kb7 18 Kc7 19 Kd7 20 Kxe6 21 Kxf7 22 Kg6 23 Kxg5 24 Kg6#.

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