Siberian Ribbons

Vivid colors and bizarre shapes come together in an image that could be an imaginative illustration for a fantasy story. This labyrinth of exotic features is present along the edge of Eurasia’s Chukchi Sea (vivid blue half circle in northeastern Siberia). Two major rivers, the Lena and Pechora, flow into the bay, which in turn empties into the Arctic Ocean. Ribbons of lakes and lagoons are present throughout the area, created by depressions left by retreating glaciers.

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