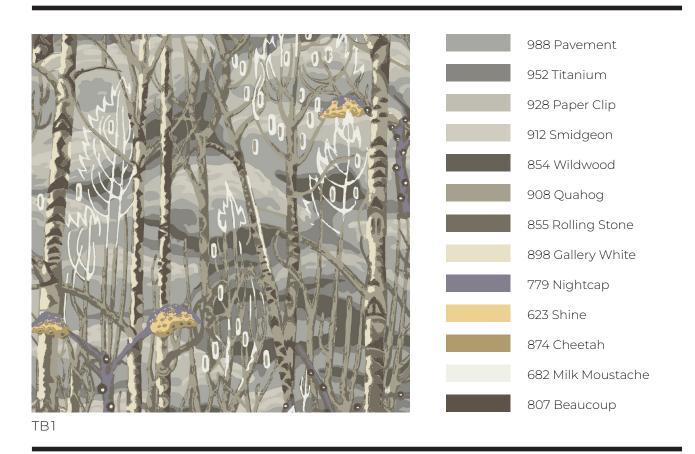


THE BIRCHES

Designed by Charles E. Burchfield



The Birches is Charles E. Burchfield's first wallpaper design, created in 1921 for the M. H. Birge & Sons Company. Drawing from his watercolor Bluebird and Cottonwoods (1917), the pattern combines young birch trees with spring catkins, sturdy cottonwoods, and arching sumac branches into a lively woodland composition.

Burchfield described The Birches as "just about my favorite" of his Birge designs. The imagery reflects his close observation of the landscapes surrounding his Ohio homes and marks the beginning of his career in wallpaper design. Released in celebration of Patterned World: The Wallpaper Art of Charles E. Burchfield at the Burchfield Penney Art Center, this colorway revives Pattern No. 1186 for the first time in more than a century.