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54 **Method of preparation of a highly absorbent nonwoven fabric.**

57 A strong, highly absorbent hard finished non-woven toweling fabric consisting of wood pulp and textile fibers essentially free from added binders is prepared by forming a wet-laid web of a blend of fibers containing 30 to 80 weight percent wood pulp and 20 to 70 weight percent staple length fibers subjecting the fibers in the wet-laid web to hydroentanglement, and embossing the hydroentangled web. The embossed fabric may be apertured or essentially nonpertured, and may be made lint resistant or water repellant or both. The fabric may be converted into pads or towels having medical and surgical applications, or into household cloths, food service wipes, industrial machinery wipes or the like.

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