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(54) **A multi-layer paper web and a method of forming it**

(57) A method of making a multilayer paper web, wherein at least two paper sheets (24a,b) are formed and dried separately to a dry content of no more than 80% by weight, imparting a three-dimensional pattern

of alternating raised and recessed portions in the paper sheets during drying, combining the paper sheets into a multilayer web, in which void volumes (32) are created between the raised and recessed portions of the combined sheets and drying the multilayer web (24).

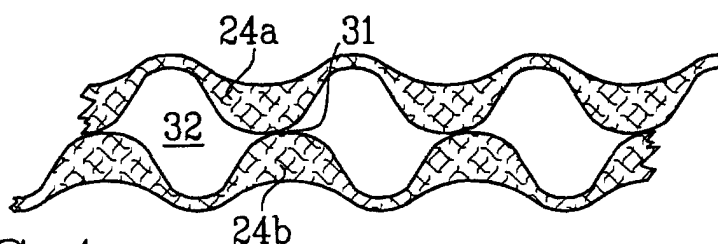


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