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(54) **Rolling papers and methods for packing same**

(57) Rolling papers and apparatus for holding rolling papers are provided. In one aspect of the invention, a stack of individually removable rolling papers is provided, the stack including a spine (2, 22, 32), an initial sheet (18) disposed on the spine (2, 22, 32), an end sheet (19) disposed on the spine (2, 22, 32), and a plurality of sheets (20) disposed on the spine (2, 22, 32) between the initial

sheet (18) and the end sheet (19) with each of the initial sheet (18), the end sheet (19), and the plurality of sheets (20) therebetween having an adhesive (4, 24, 34) disposed thereon and the adhesive (4, 24, 34) is coupled to the spine (2, 22, 32) to define a gummed edge (7), and the spine (2, 22, 32) separates each of the gummed edge (7) from a proceeding gummed edge (7).

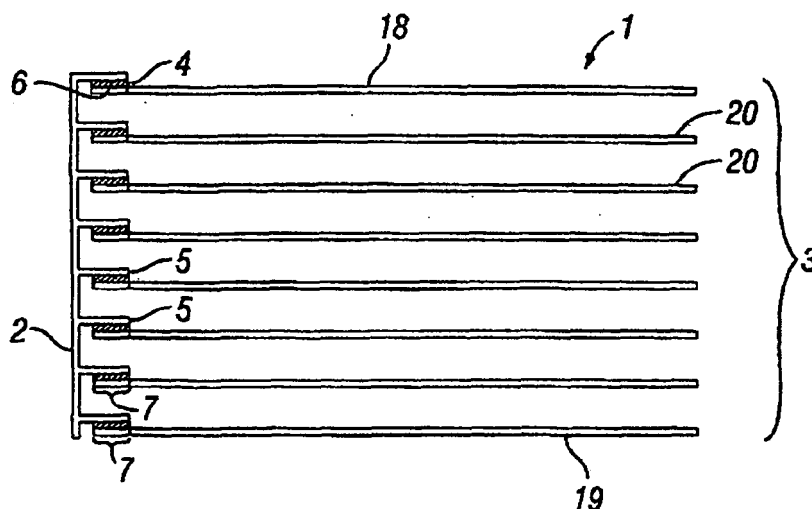


FIG. 1

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1. claims: 1-7

Stack of individually removable rolling papers comprising a spine with a plurality of sheets disposed on the spine, each sheet having an adhesive disposed thereupon, the adhesive being coupled to the spine to define a gummed edge, wherein the spine separates each gummed edge from a proceeding one.

2. claims: 8-15

A rolling paper with an adhesive on its top side and a removable strip disposed on the adhesive.
A stack of such rolling papers.

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