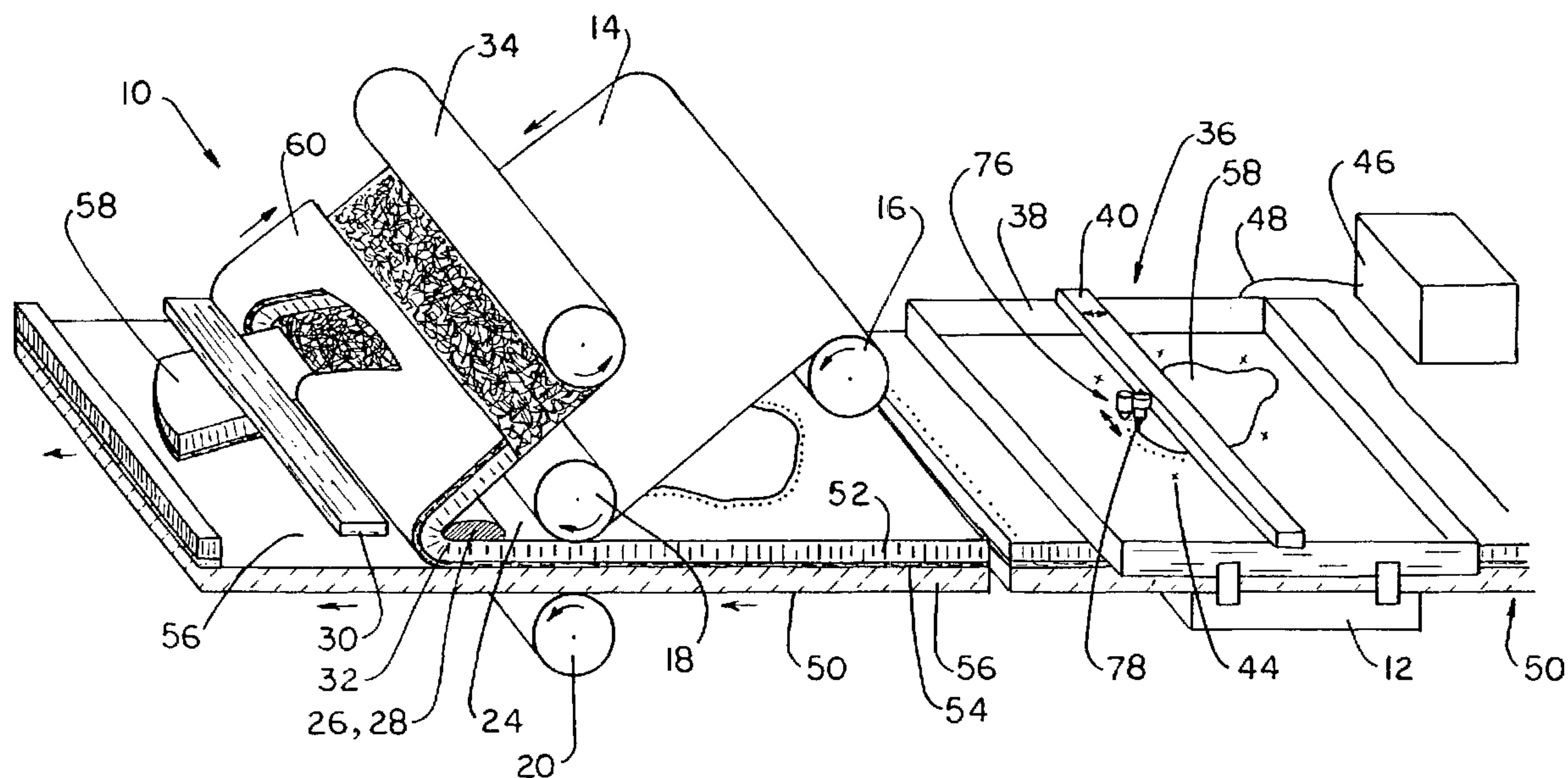




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(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

Method and apparatus (10) for removing at least one waste area (60) of a face layer (52), which includes graphic or product area(s) (58) and waste area(s) (60), from a laminate (50) composed of a face layer (52) removably adhering to a backing layer (62), to leave at least one product area (58) of the face layer (52) in place on the backing layer (62), the method including: applying adhesive (72) on portions of the waste area(s) (60); temporarily adhering the laminate (50) to a carrier surface (14) using the adhesive (72); and separating the laminate (50) from the carrier surface (14) with the waste area(s) (60) remaining on the carrier surface (14). One preferred embodiment of the invention includes a carrier web (14) enabling continuous or near continuous operation.

