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(57) Abstract: There is provided a three dimensional periodic structure comprising two substances having different dielectric constants with a high contrast between the dielectric constants or refractive indexes, periodically distributed in a three dimensional space. A unit cell substrate having air holes in a diamond structure is formed by a stereo lithography method which repeats the step of irradiating light onto a liquid surface of alight-hardening resin such as a photosensitive epoxy resin in each layer in a cross-sectional pattern to be formed. Then, a conductive film made of, for example, Cu is formed by an electroless plating method on the surface of the unit cell substrate. Thus, a three dimensional periodic structure comprising two substances having different dielectric constants, i.e., resin and air, periodically distributed in a three dimensional space, and comprising a conductive film formed at an interface between the two substances is obtained.



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