ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (FIG. 7)

"MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND MAGNETIC RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS"

A magnetic recording medium includes a protective layer having a plurality of projections on its surface. These projections are formed by forming an etching mask including a mask underlayer and a mask pattern layer having an island structure on the protective layer, and performing dry etching after that.

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