ABSTRACT

An etching pattern including a pattern for forming lead frame sheets 12 each of which includes lead frames, and a pattern for forming a connecting portion 14, which connects edges of the lead frame sheets 12 adjoining in a longitudinal direction of a workpiece 10, is formed in the workpiece 10 constituted by an elongated member. The workpiece 10 is etched by using this etching pattern as a mask, to thereby form an elongated lead-frame body in which the lead frame sheets 12 are connected through the connecting portion 14. Connection parts, each of which is provided between the connecting portion 14 and the lead frame sheets 12, are separated from the elongated lead-frame body. Thus, the lead frame sheets are obtained.

[Selected Drawing] FIG. 1