What is claimed is:

1. A method of making ~~an~~ a composite article, the method comprising:

providing a molding tool having a microstructured surface including a plurality of cavities;

at least partially filling the plurality of cavities with a first radiation curable resin;

exposing the first radiation curable resin to a first, patterned irradiation to provide a correspondingly patterned partially cured resin comprising at least one first region and at least one second region, wherein the at least one first region is irradiated by the first, patterned irradiation and the at least one second region is not irradiated by the first, patterned irradiation;

applying a second radiation curable resin over the partially cured resin;

exposing both the at least one first region and the at least one second region, and the second radiation curable resin to a second irradiation to provide ~~an~~ a composite article having a microstructured surface and a differentially cured pattern therein; and

separating the composite article having a microstructured surface and a differentially cured pattern therein from the molding tool,

wherein the patterned irradiation comprises at least one of irradiating through transparent regions of a mask, guiding a beam of light, guiding a beam of electrons, or projecting a digital image.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the second radiation curable resin contacts a major surface of an overlay element.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the overlay element comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polymeric film, paper, fabric, fiberglass, nonwovens, glass, and metal foil.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the overlay element is transparent to the radiation used in at least one of the irradiations.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the molding tool is transparent to the radiation used in at least one of the irradiations.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the overlay element is opaque to the patterned irradiation.