What is claimed is:

1. A method for processing at least one blank for forming a carrier for containers, comprising:

obtaining at least one blank comprising a central panel having plurality of container openings and at least one container retention tab extending into respective container openings of the plurality of container openings;

inserting the at least one blank into a blank infeed assembly;

moving the at least one blank from the infeed assembly to a blank processing assembly, the blank processing assembly comprising a forming belt, the blank processing assembly further comprising a forming wheel and at least one cutting member protruding from the forming wheel for engaging the at least one blank;

moving the at least one blank between the forming belt and the forming wheel; and

moving the at least one blank to a product engagement portion of the blank processing assembly such that the at least one blank is positioned for engagement with a group of containers.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the forming belt comprises a plurality of openings, and the method further comprises aligning respective openings of the plurality of openings of the forming belt with respective container openings of the plurality of container openings of the at least one blank.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the at least one blank is a first blank and separably connected to a second blank, and moving the at least one blank between the forming belt and the forming wheel comprises separating the first blank from the second blank.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the forming wheel comprises a plurality of forming members protruding therefrom, and moving the at least one blank between the forming belt and the forming wheel further comprises at least partially receiving a respective forming member of the plurality of forming members in a respective opening of the plurality of openings of the forming belt.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein moving the at least one blank between the forming belt and the forming wheel further comprises at least partially folding at least one container tab of the at least one blank relative to a respective container opening of the plurality of container openings.

6. The method of claim 2, wherein the forming belt supports at least one lug protruding therefrom, and the method further comprises moving the at least one blank at least partially along the blank processing assembly by engaging the at least one lug with a portion of the at least one blank.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein moving the at least one blank from the blank infeed assembly to the blank processing assembly comprises slidably moving the at least one blank along a ramp extending upwardly from the blank infeed assembly toward the forming wheel.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein moving the at least one blank from the blank infeed assembly to the blank processing assembly comprises slidably moving the at least one blank along a ramp extending downwardly from the blank infeed assembly toward the forming wheel.

9. The method of claim 2, wherein the blank infeed assembly and the forming wheel are at least partially mounted on a first support, at least a portion of the blank processing assembly is mounted on a second support, and the method further comprises moving the first support relative to the second support to change a distance between the forming belt and the forming wheel.

10. A system for processing blanks for forming carriers for containers, the system comprising:

an upstream end;

a downstream end defining a machine direction from the upstream end to the downstream end of the system;

a blank infeed assembly proximate the upstream end of the system;

a blank processing assembly positioned downstream from the blank infeed assembly, the blank processing assembly comprising a forming belt for being driven in a closed path about a plurality of rollers, and a forming wheel rotatably mounted to a support, and at least one cutting member protruding from the forming wheel for separating adjacent blanks,

the forming belt and the forming wheel are arranged such that at least one blank is for being at least partially received between the forming belt and the forming wheel and processed before being moved to a product engagement portion of the blank processing assembly.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the forming belt comprises a plurality of openings for being aligned with respective container openings of a plurality of container openings of the at least one blank.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the forming wheel comprises a blank engagement surface interrupted by at least one slot, the at least one cutting member being at least partially received in the at least one slot.

13. The system of claim 11, wherein the forming wheel comprises a plurality of forming members protruding therefrom and positionable for at least partial insertion in a respective opening of the plurality of openings of the forming belt.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein at least one forming member of the plurality of forming members comprise a body portion and a tapered distal portion, the body portion having a diameter corresponding to a diameter of a respective opening of the plurality of openings in the forming belt.

15. The system of claim 11, wherein the forming belt supports at least one lug protruding therefrom, the lug configured for engagement with at least one blank.

16. The system of 15, wherein a transport band is at least partially disposed about the forming belt, the at least one lug is supported on the transport band.

17. The system of claim 11, wherein the blank processing assembly comprises a ramp extending upwardly from the blank infeed assembly toward the forming wheel.

18. The system of claim 18, wherein the blank processing assembly comprises a ramp extending downwardly from the blank infeed assembly toward the forming wheel.

19. The system of claim 11, wherein the blank infeed assembly and the forming wheel are at least partially mounted on a first support, at least a portion of the blank processing assembly is mounted on a second support, and the second support is movable relative to the first support.