

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A processing method of processing a workpiece on which a plurality of intersecting planned dividing lines are set, the processing method comprising:

a holding step of holding the workpiece by a holding table;

a dividing step of forming a plurality of chips by dividing the workpiece held by the holding table along the planned dividing lines; and

a carrying-out step of, after the dividing step is performed, sucking the plurality of chips on the holding table by a suction unit including a suction head sucking the plurality of chips and a suction passage connected to the suction head, and carrying out the plurality of chips from the holding table via the suction passage,

wherein, in the carrying-out step, while a liquid is supplied to the plurality of chips, the plurality of chips are sucked by the suction unit together with the liquid, and the plurality of chips are carried out from the holding table via the suction passage.