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DISPLAY APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE
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Chung, Suwon-si (KR)(57) **ABSTRACT**

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An organic light emitting element is formed on the substrate. The organic light emitting element includes a first electrode, a bank, a surface energy, an organic light emitting member and a second electrode. The first electrode receives the first driving signal. The first electrode has a first surface energy. The bank surrounds sides of the first electrode. The surface energy lowering pattern is formed on the bank. The surface energy lowering pattern has a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy. The organic light emitting member is formed on the first electrode. The second electrode receives a second driving signal to display an image. Therefore, an image display quality of the display apparatus is improved.

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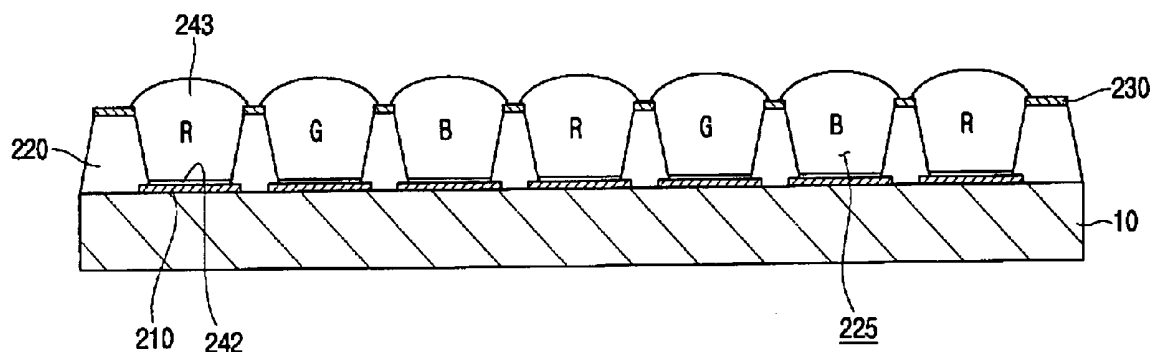


FIG. 1

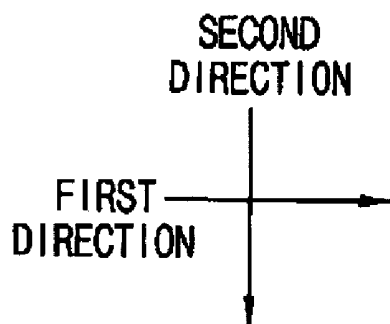
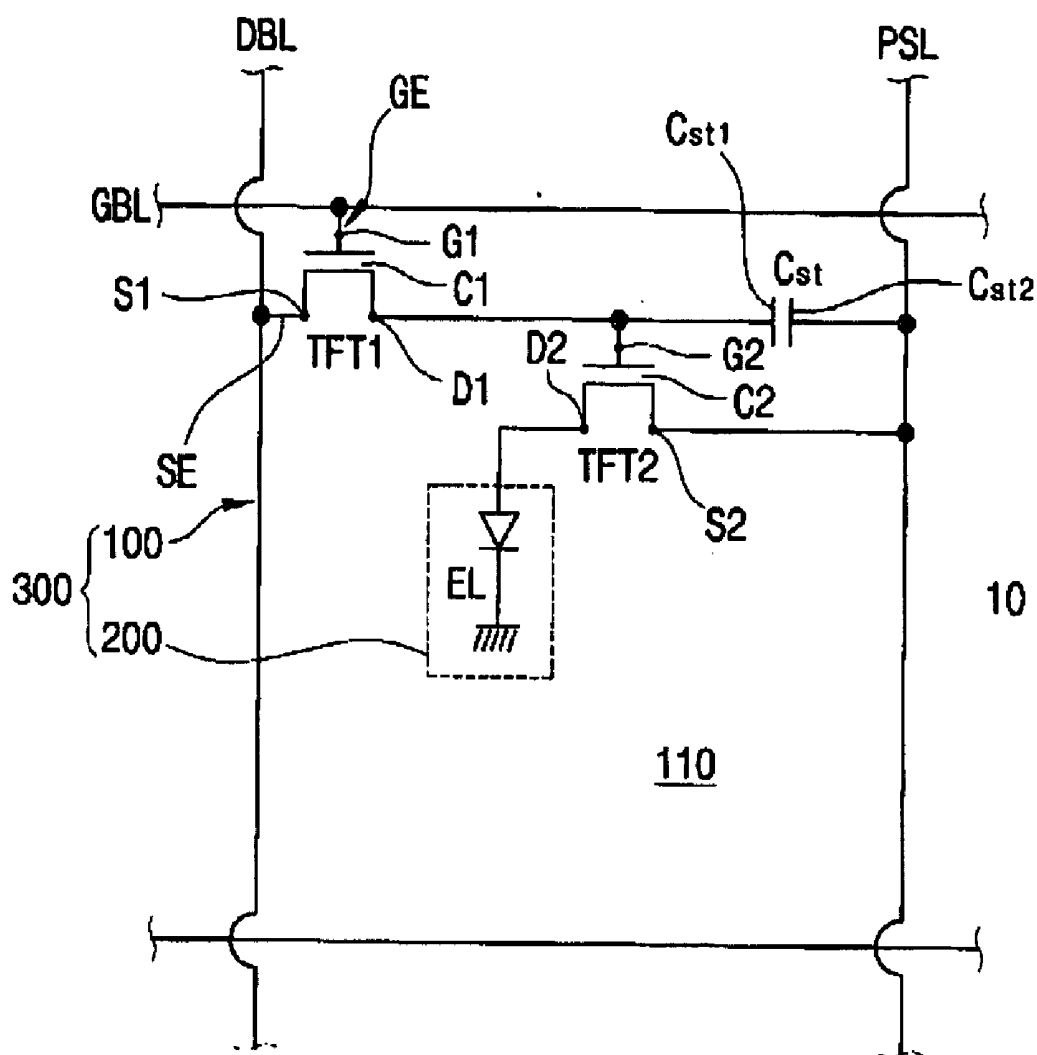


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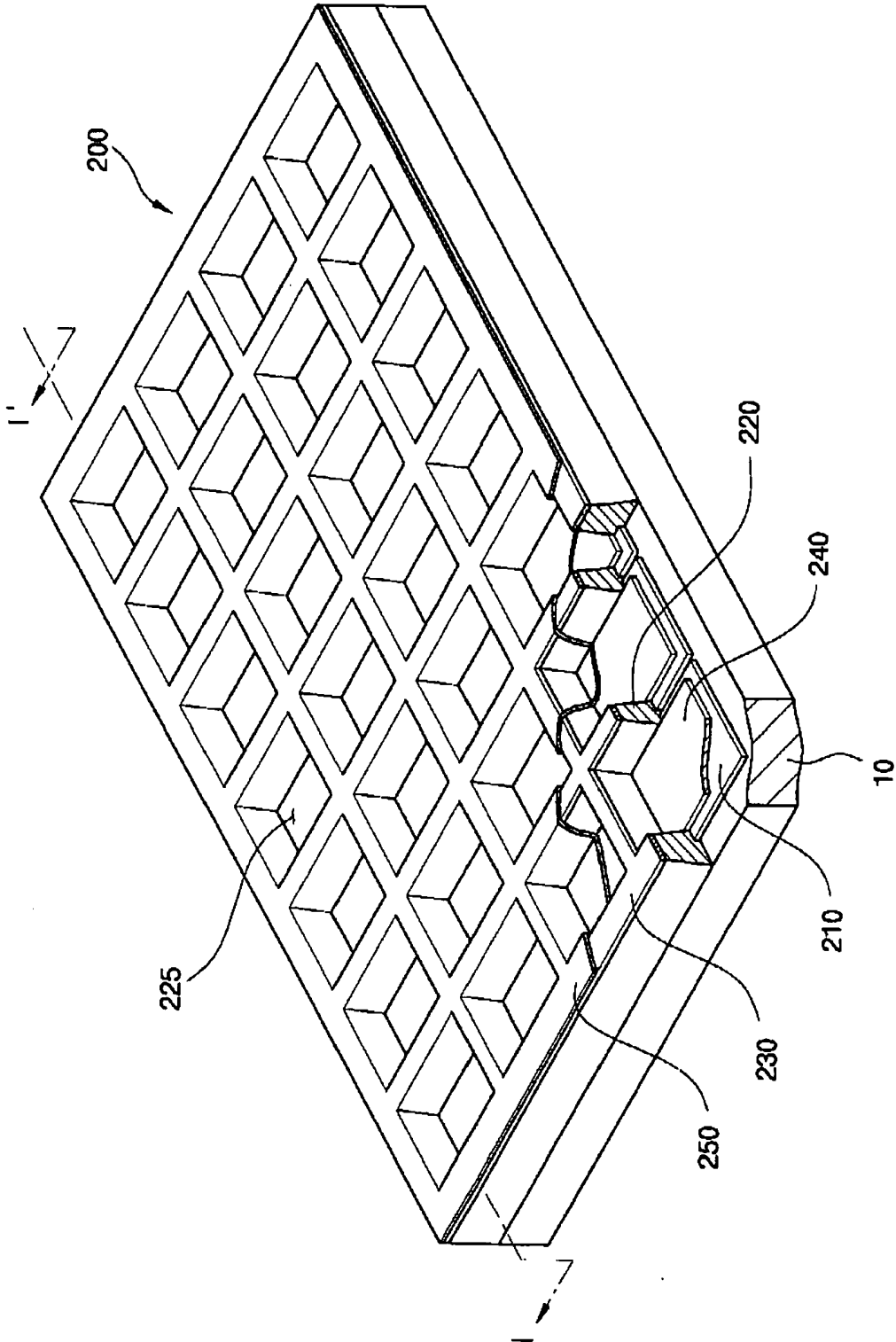


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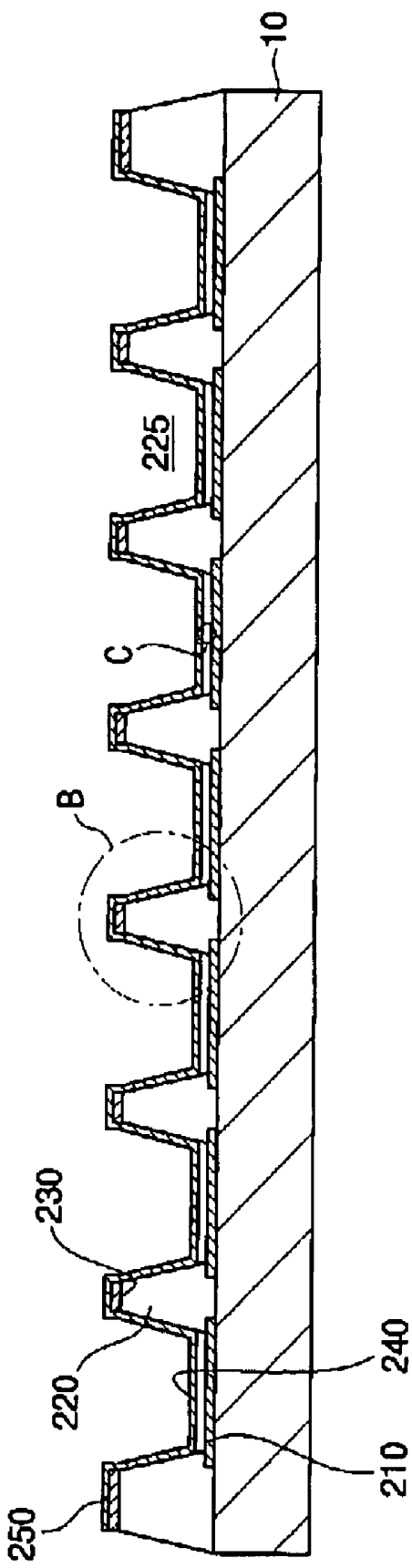


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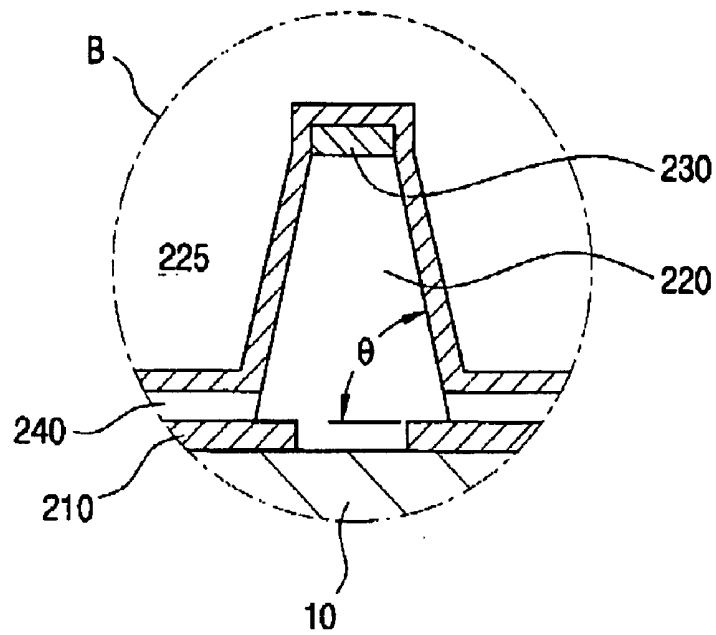


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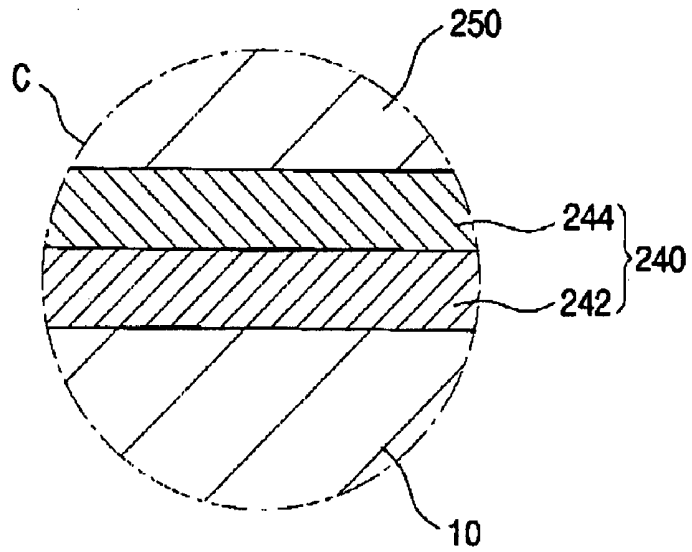


FIG. 6A

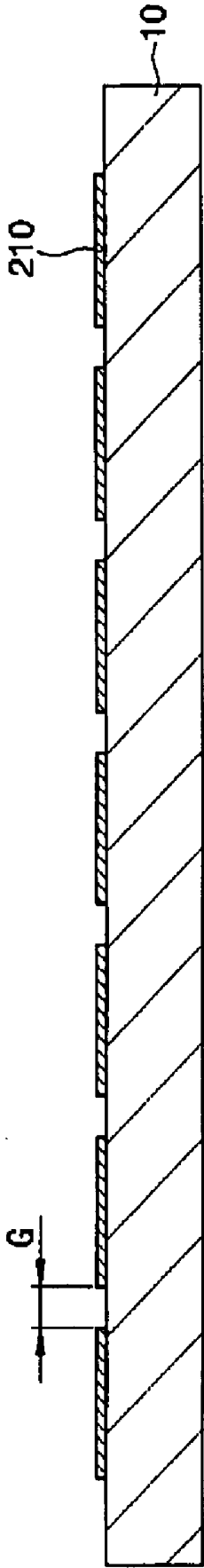


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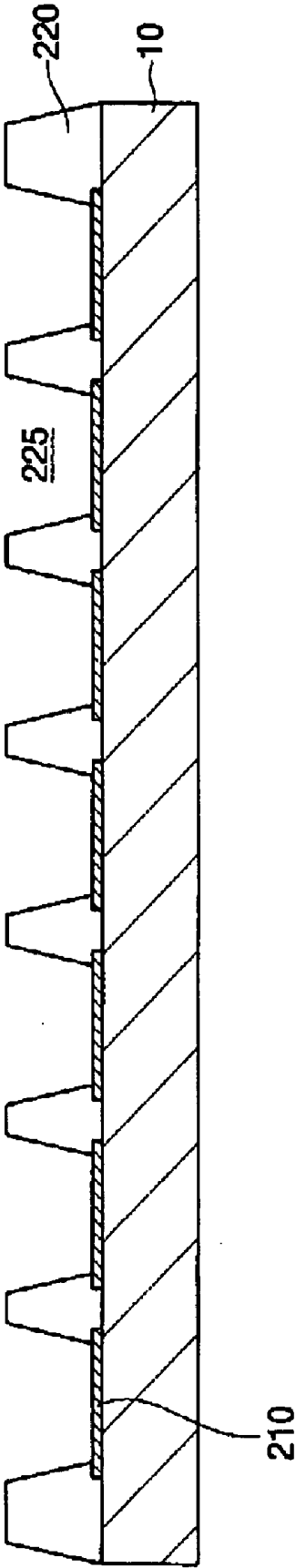


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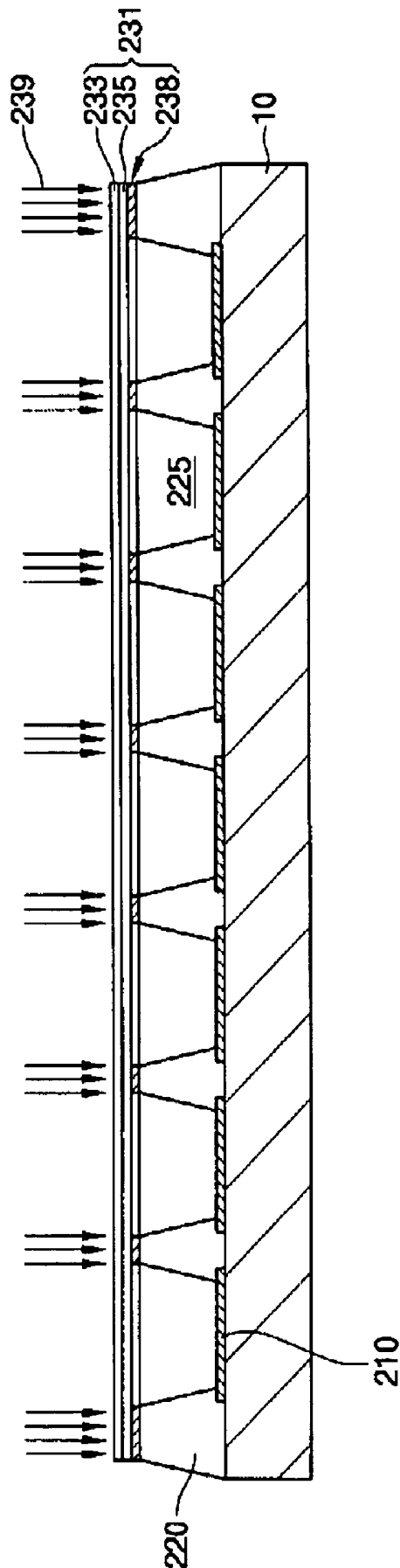


FIG. 6D

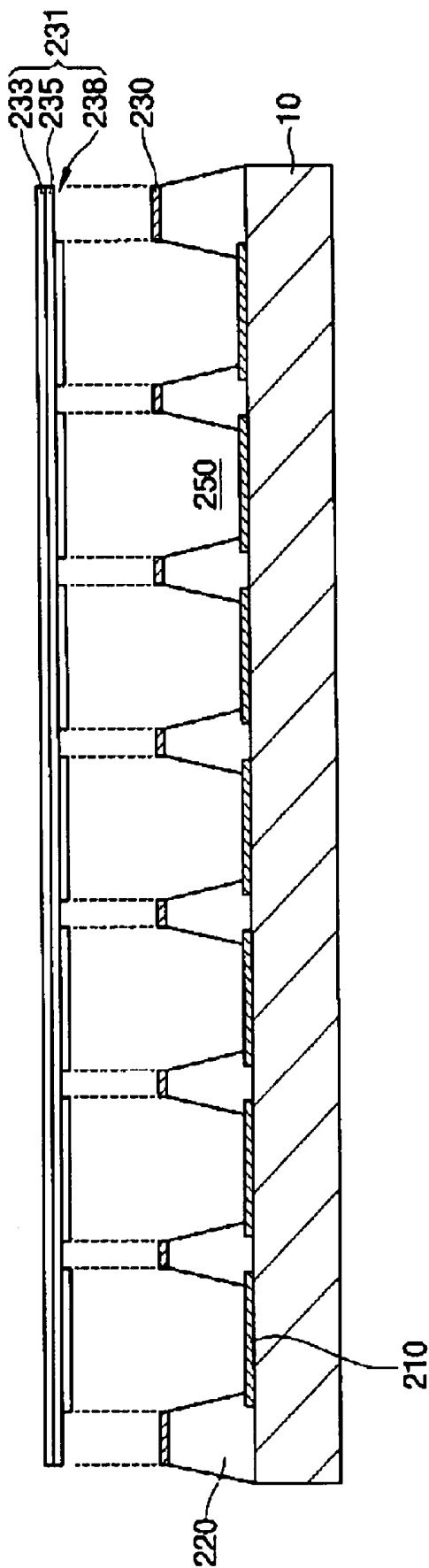


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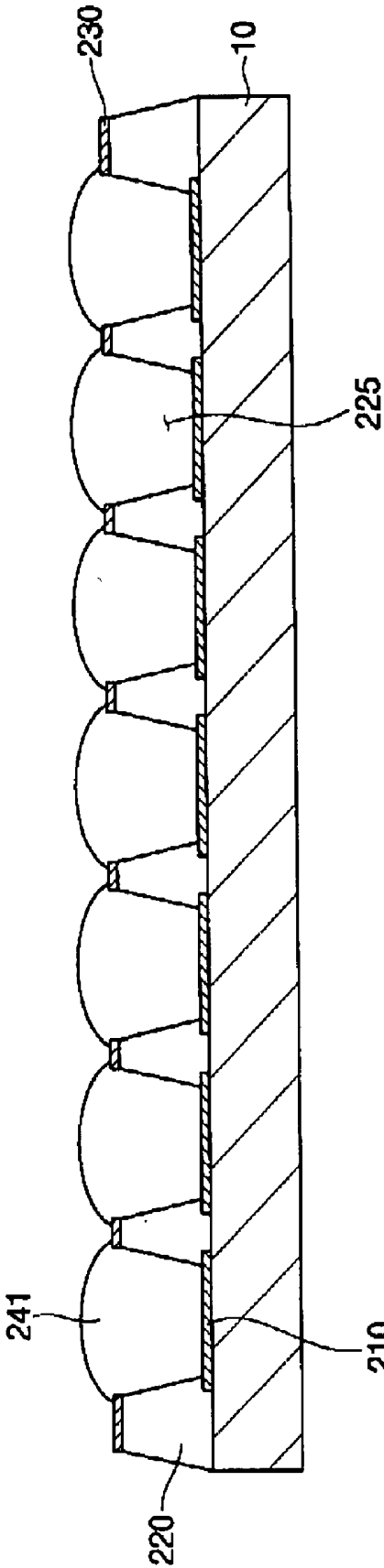


FIG. 6F

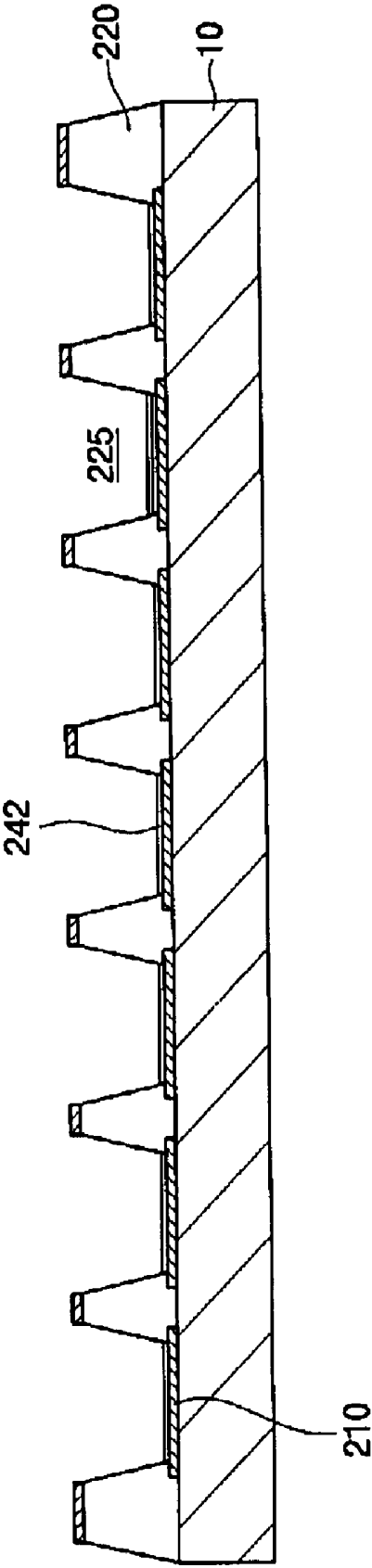


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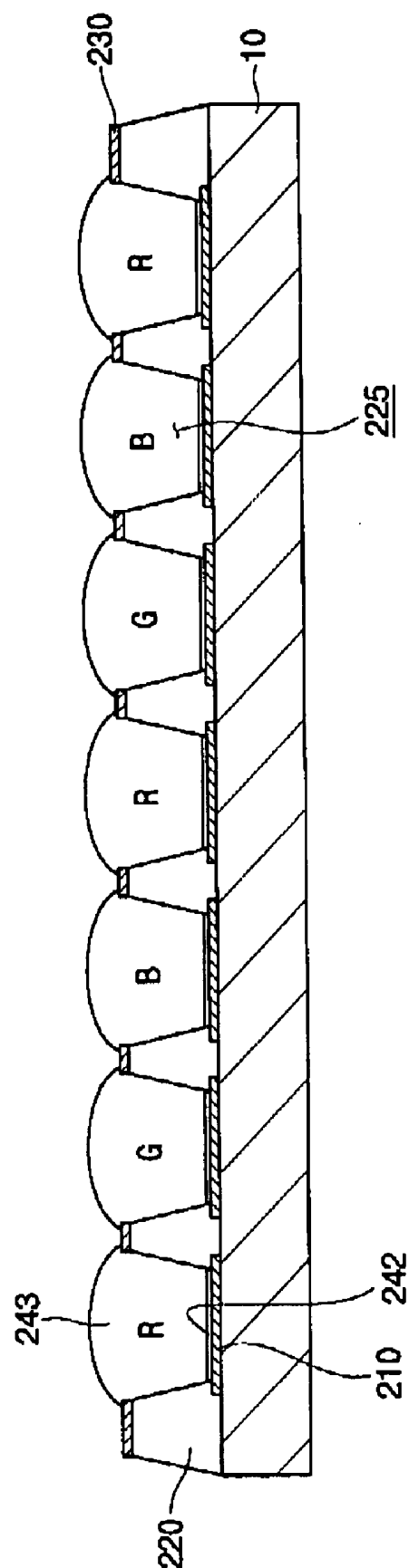


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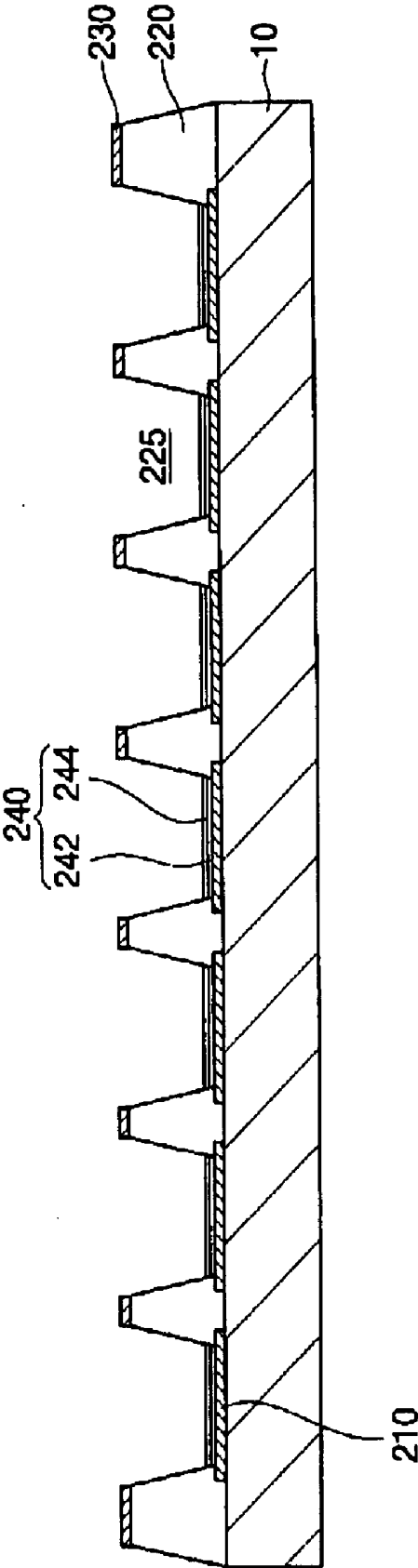


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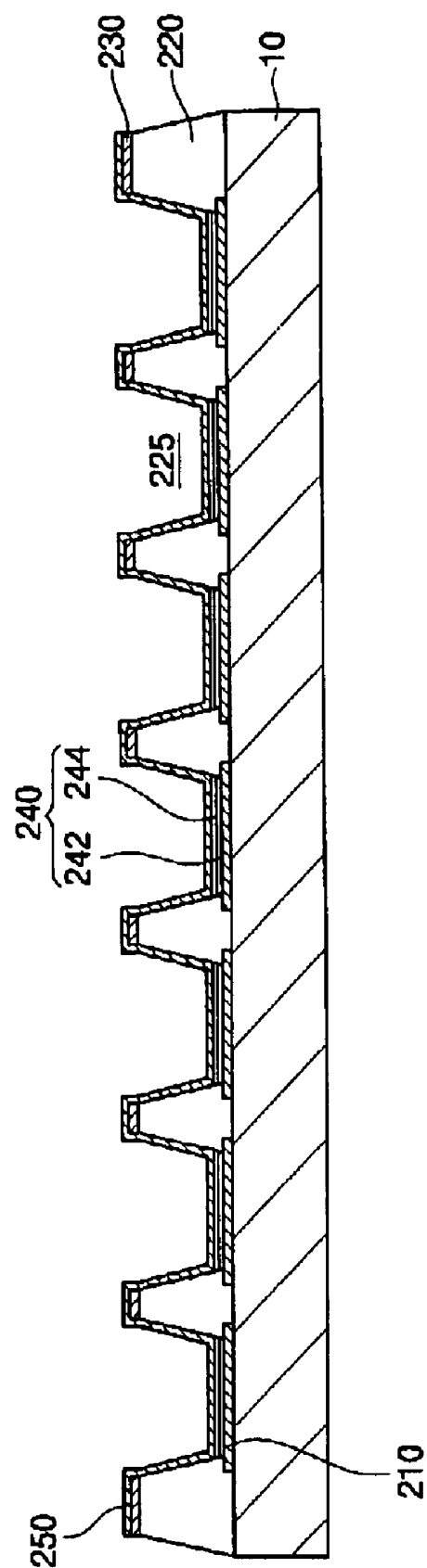
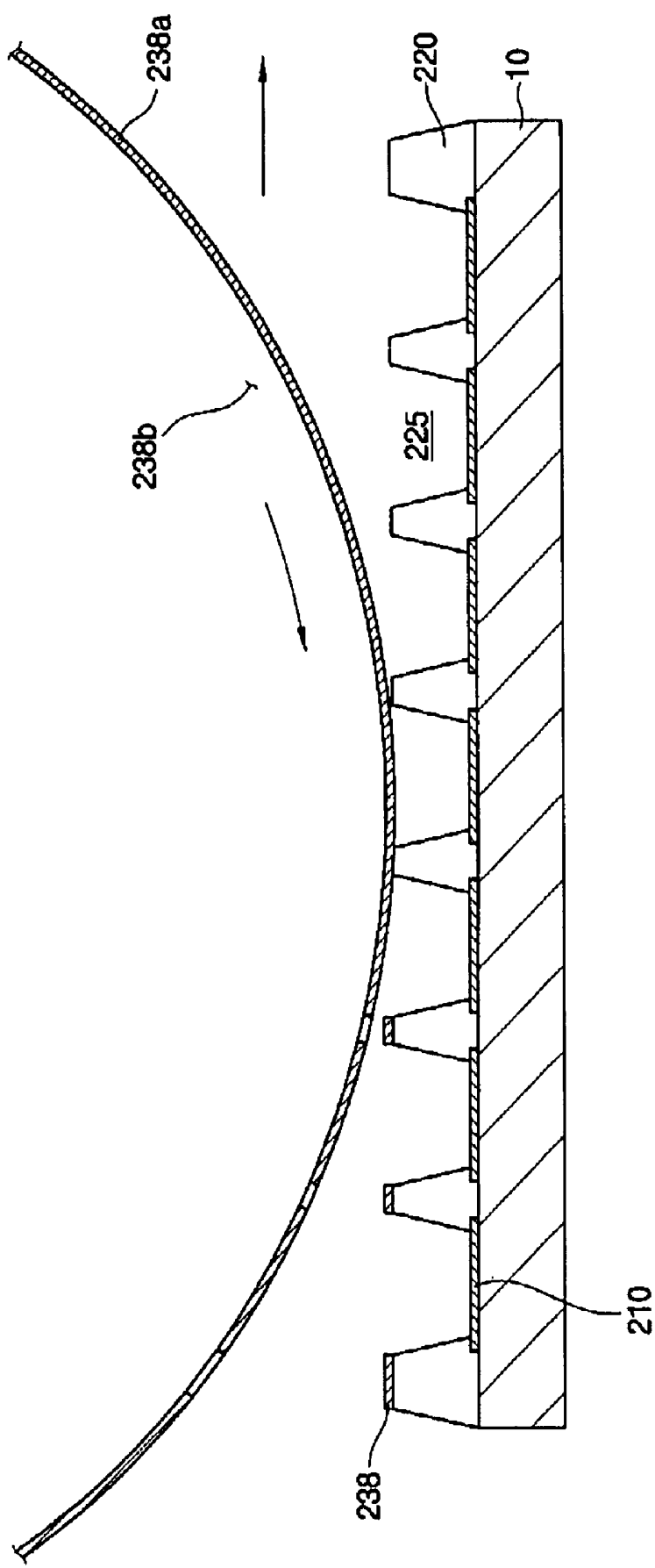


FIG. 7



**ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING ELEMENT,
DISPLAY APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

**CROSS-REFERENCE OF RELATED
APPLICATIONS**

[0001] The present application claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 2003-82364, filed on Nov. 19, 2003, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] The present invention relates to an organic light emitting element, a display apparatus and a method of manufacturing the display apparatus. More particularly, the present invention relates to an organic light emitting element capable of improving an image display quality, a display apparatus capable having the organic light emitting element, and a method of manufacturing the display apparatus.

[0004] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0005] An information processing device has been improved, and has been widely used in various fields.

[0006] Data processed by the information processing device is an electric signal or a coded signal. However, a user may not directly recognize the electric signal or the coded signal. The information processing device has a display apparatus so that the electric signal or the coded signal is displayed by the display apparatus.

[0007] The display apparatus is classified into an emissive display apparatus and a non-emissive display apparatus. The emissive display apparatus displays the image using luminescence. The emissive display apparatus includes a cathode ray tube (CRT) display apparatus, a plasma display panel (PDP), a light emitting diode (LED), an inorganic light emitting display apparatus, an organic light emitting display (OLED) apparatus, etc.

[0008] The non-emissive display apparatus displays the image using reflection, scattering or interference of a light. The non-emissive display apparatus includes a liquid crystal display (LCD) apparatus, an electrochemical display (ECD) apparatus, an electrophoretic image display (EPID) apparatus, etc.

[0009] The inorganic light emitting display apparatus and the OLED apparatus have been widely used.

[0010] Electrons are accelerated in a light emitting portion of the inorganic light emitting display apparatus in strong electric field so that the accelerated electrons are combined with inorganic material, and the inorganic material is in an excited state. When the excited material is changed into a ground state, a light is generated in the light emitting portion.

[0011] The OLED apparatus has an organic light emitting layer formed between an anode electrode and a cathode electrode. Electrons from the anode electrode are combined with holes from the cathode electrode in the organic light emitting layer so that molecules of the organic light emitting

layer are in the excited state. When the excited molecules are changed into the ground state, the light is generated in the organic light emitting layer.

[0012] The organic light emitting layer of the OLED apparatus may be formed through a screen printing method or a spray printing method. In the screen printing method, organic light emitting material is printed on a substrate through openings of a mask.

[0013] In the spray printing method, the organic light emitting material is dropped on a portion of the substrate. In particular, a bank is formed adjacent to the anode electrode that is formed on the substrate, and the organic light emitting material is dropped in a space formed by the bank. The dropped organic light emitting material is dried to form the organic light emitting layer.

[0014] When the organic light emitting material is dropped on the bank that has higher surface energy than the anode electrode, the organic light emitting layer may be formed on the bank so that the image display quality is deteriorated. When the bank has higher surface energy than the anode electrode, the bank has higher adhesive force than the anode electrode.

[0015] Surface structure of the bank may be changed to decrease the surface energy of the bank through an addition process. However, when the organic light emitting layer has a double layered structure having a hole injection layer and a light emitting layer formed on the hole injection layer, the surface energy of the bank may be changed after the hole injection layer being formed. When the light emitting layer is formed after the hole injection layer being formed, the surface energy of the bank is increased so that the light emitting layer may be attached to the bank. Therefore, the image display quality of the OLED apparatus may be deteriorated.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0016] The present invention provides an organic light emitting element capable of improving an image display quality.

[0017] The present invention also provides a display apparatus having the above-mentioned organic light emitting element.

[0018] The present invention also provides a method of manufacturing the above-mentioned display apparatus.

[0019] An organic light emitting element in accordance with an aspect of the present invention is formed on a substrate. The organic light emitting element includes a first electrode, a bank, a surface energy lowering pattern, an organic light emitting member and a second electrode. The first electrode receives a first driving signal. The first electrode has a first surface energy. The bank surrounds sides of the first electrode. The surface energy lowering pattern is formed on the bank. The surface energy lowering pattern has a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy. The organic light emitting member is formed on the first electrode. The second electrode receives a second driving signal to display an image.

[0020] A display apparatus in accordance with an aspect of the present invention includes a peripheral circuit and an organic light emitting element. The peripheral circuit is

formed on a substrate to generate a first driving signal. The organic light emitting element is formed on the substrate. The organic light emitting element includes a first electrode, a bank, a surface energy, an organic light emitting member and a second electrode. The first electrode receives the first driving signal. The first electrode has a first surface energy. The bank surrounds sides of the first electrode. The surface energy lowering pattern is formed on the bank. The surface energy lowering pattern has a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy. The organic light emitting member is formed on the first electrode. The second electrode receives a second driving signal to display an image.

[0021] A display apparatus in accordance with another aspect of the present invention includes an organic light emitting element on a substrate. The organic light emitting element has a first electrode, a bank, a surface energy lowering pattern, an organic light emitting member and a second electrode. The first electrode is configured to receive a first driving signal. The bank surrounds sides of the first electrode, the bank having a first surface energy. The surface energy lowering pattern is formed on the bank. The surface energy lowering pattern has a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy. The organic light emitting member is formed on the first electrode. The second electrode is configured to receive a second driving signal to display an image.

[0022] A display apparatus in accordance with another aspect of the present invention includes a switching transistor, a driving transistor and an organic light emitting element. The switching transistor is formed on a substrate. The switching transistor has a first source/drain electrode and a first gate electrode. The driving transistor is formed on the substrate. The driving transistor has a second source/drain electrode and a second gate electrode electrically connected to the first source/drain electrode of the switching transistor. The organic light emitting element is formed on the substrate having the switching transistor and the driving transistor. The organic light emitting element has a first electrode, a bank, a surface energy lowering pattern, an organic light emitting member and a second electrode. The first electrode is electrically connected to the second source/drain electrode of the driving transistor. The bank is formed on the substrate having the first electrode. The bank surrounds sides of the first electrode to form a hole on the first electrode. The bank has a first surface energy. The surface energy lowering pattern is formed on the bank. The surface energy lowering pattern has a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy. The organic light emitting member is formed on the first electrode. The second electrode is formed on the substrate having the organic light emitting member.

[0023] A method of manufacturing the display apparatus in accordance with an aspect of the present invention is provided as follows. A first electrode that has a first surface energy is formed on a base substrate. The first electrode receives a first driving signal from a peripheral circuit. A bank that surrounds sides of the first electrode is formed on the base substrate. A surface energy lowering pattern is formed on the bank. The surface energy lowering pattern has a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy. An organic light emitting member is formed on the first electrode. A second electrode is formed on the organic

light emitting member. The second electrode receives a second driving signal to display an image.

[0024] According to this present invention, when an organic light emitting material is dropped in a hole surrounded by a bank on an electrode, the organic light emitting material may not be attached to the bank so that an image display quality of a display apparatus is improved.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0025] The above and other advantages of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail exemplary embodiments thereof with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0026] **FIG. 1** is a circuit diagram showing a display apparatus in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0027] **FIG. 2** is a partially cutout perspective view showing an organic light emitting display (OLED) apparatus in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0028] **FIG. 3** is a cross-sectional view taken along a line I-I' shown in **FIG. 2**;

[0029] **FIG. 4** is an enlarged cross-sectional view showing a portion 'B' shown in **FIG. 3**;

[0030] **FIG. 5** is an enlarged cross-sectional view showing a portion 'C' shown in **FIG. 3**;

[0031] **FIGS. 6A to 6I** are cross-sectional views showing a method of manufacturing a display apparatus in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention; and

[0032] **FIG. 7** is a cross-sectional view showing a method of manufacturing a display apparatus in accordance with another exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0033] It should be understood that the exemplary embodiments of the present invention described below may be varied modified in many different ways without departing from the inventive principles disclosed herein, and the scope of the present invention is therefore not limited to these particular following embodiments. Rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the concept of the invention to those skilled in the art by way of example and not of limitation.

[0034] Hereinafter, the present invention will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[0035] **FIG. 1** is a circuit diagram showing a display apparatus in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

[0036] Referring to **FIG. 1**, the display apparatus **300** includes a peripheral circuit **100** and an organic light emitting element **200**. The peripheral circuit **100** and the organic light emitting element **200** are formed on a substrate **10**.

[0037] The peripheral circuit **100** includes a switching transistor TFT1, a driving transistor TFT2, a storage capacitor C_{st}, a gate bus line GBL, a data bus line DBL and a power supply line PSL.

[0038] The gate bus line GBL is extended in a first direction. The gate bus line GBL has low resistance. The gate bus line GBL includes aluminum, aluminum alloy, etc.

[0039] A plurality of the gate bus lines GBLs may be formed on the substrate 10. In this exemplary embodiment, the display apparatus 300 displays full-color image, and the display apparatus 300 has a resolution of 1024×768. In addition, the display apparatus 300 has 768 gate bus lines GBLs.

[0040] Each of the gate bus lines GBLs is extended in the first direction. The gate bus lines GBLs are arranged in a second direction that is substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

[0041] A gate electrode GE is electrically connected to each of the gate bus lines GBLs. The gate electrode GE is extended in the second direction. In this exemplary embodiment, number of the gate electrodes GEs is 1024×3, and the gate electrodes GEs are spaced apart from one another by a predetermined interval.

[0042] The data bus line DBL is extended in the second direction. The data bus line DBL has low resistance. The data bus line DBL includes aluminum, aluminum alloy, etc.

[0043] A plurality of the data bus lines DBLs may be formed on the substrate 10. In this exemplary embodiment, number of the data bus lines DBLs is 1024×3. Each of the data bus lines DBLs is extended in the second direction. The data bus lines DBLs are arranged in the first direction.

[0044] A source electrode SE is electrically connected to each of the data bus lines DBLs. The source electrode SE is extended in the first direction. In this exemplary embodiment, number of the source electrodes SEs is 768, and the source electrodes SEs are spaced apart from one another by a predetermined interval.

[0045] The power supply line PSL is spaced apart from each of the data bus lines DBLs. The power supply line PSL is extended in the second direction. A direct current signal VDD is applied to the power supply line PSL.

[0046] The switching transistor TFT1 and the driving transistor TFT2 are formed in a pixel region 110. The pixel region 110 is defined by the gate bus lines GBLs disposed adjacent to each other, each of the data bus lines DBLs and each of the power supply lines PSLs.

[0047] The switching transistor TFT1 includes a first gate electrode G1, a first semiconductor pattern C1, a first source electrode S1 and a first drain electrode D1.

[0048] The first gate electrode G1 is electrically connected to each of the gate electrodes GEs that are electrically connected to the gate bus lines GBLs.

[0049] The first semiconductor pattern C1 is electrically insulated from the first gate electrode G1 by an insulating layer (not shown) having insulating material. The first semiconductor pattern C1 is formed on the insulating layer (not shown) corresponding to the first gate electrode G1.

[0050] The first source electrode S1 is disposed on the first semiconductor pattern C1, and electrically connected to each of the source electrodes SEs that are electrically connected to the data bus line DBLs.

[0051] The driving transistor TFT2 is formed in the pixel region 110. The driving transistor TFT2 includes a second gate electrode G2, a second semiconductor pattern C2, a second source electrode S2 and a second drain electrode D2.

[0052] The second gate electrode G2 is electrically connected to the first drain electrode D1 of the switching transistor TFT1.

[0053] The second semiconductor pattern C2 is electrically insulated from the second gate electrode G2 by the insulating layer (not shown) having the insulating material. The second semiconductor pattern C2 is formed on the insulating layer (not shown) corresponding to the second gate electrode G2.

[0054] The second source electrode S2 is formed on the second semiconductor pattern C2, and electrically connected to each of the power supply lines PSLs.

[0055] The second drain electrode D2 is formed on the second semiconductor pattern C2, and spaced apart from the second source electrode S2. The second drain electrode D2 is electrically connected to the organic light emitting element 200.

[0056] The storage capacitor C_{st} includes a first capacitor electrode C_{st1} , a second capacitor electrode C_{st2} and a dielectric layer. The first capacitor electrode C_{st1} is electrically connected to the second gate electrode G2. The second capacitor electrode C_{st2} is electrically connected to each of the power supply lines PSLs. The dielectric layer is disposed between the first and second capacitor electrodes C_{st1} and C_{st2} . The dielectric layer may be an insulating layer. The storage capacitor C_{st} maintains a voltage difference between the second gate electrode G2 and each of the power supply lines PSLs to turn on the second gate electrode G2 for one frame.

[0057] When a turn-on voltage is applied to each of the gate bus lines GBLs, and an image signal is applied to each of the data bus lines DBLs, the image signal is applied to the first drain electrode D1 through the first source electrode S1 of the switching transistor TFT1 and the first semiconductor pattern C1.

[0058] The image signal outputted from the first drain electrode D1 is applied to the second gate electrode G2 of the driving transistor TFT2 so that the second semiconductor pattern C2 is turned on. The resistance of the second semiconductor pattern C2 varies based on a level of the image signal that is applied to the second gate electrode G2. When the second semiconductor pattern C2 is turned on, the direct current signal outputted from the power supply line PSL is applied to the second drain electrode D2 through the second source electrode S2 and the second semiconductor pattern C2. The level of the direct current voltage outputted from the power supply line PSL is decreased based on the resistance of the second semiconductor pattern C2. Therefore, a first driving signal that has a level corresponding to the image signal is applied to the second drain electrode D2.

[0059] FIG. 2 is a partially cutout perspective view showing an organic light emitting display (OLED) apparatus in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

[0060] Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, the organic light emitting element 200 includes a first electrode 210, a bank

220, a surface energy lowering pattern **230**, an organic light emitting layer **240** and a second electrode **250**.

[0061] The first driving signal outputted from the second drain electrode **D2** of the driving transistor **TFT2** is applied to the first electrode **210**. The first electrode **210** has a transparent conductive material such as indium tin oxide (ITO), tin oxide (TO), indium zinc oxide (IZO), zinc oxide (ZO), etc. The first electrode **210** may be electrically connected to the second drain electrode **D2** through a contact hole.

[0062] A plurality of the first electrodes **210** may be arranged in a matrix shape on the substrate **10**. In this exemplary embodiment, the resolution of the display apparatus **300** is 11024×768, and the display apparatus has 1024×768×3 first electrodes **210**.

[0063] Each of the first electrodes **210** has a first surface energy. The first surface energy varies based on the material of the first electrodes **210**. When the surface energy is increased, a frictional force and an adhesive force between the first electrodes **210** and a fluid are increased. In addition, when the surface energy is decreased, a frictional force and an adhesive force between the first electrodes **210** and the fluid are decreased.

[0064] **FIG. 3** is a cross-sectional view taken along a line I-I' shown in **FIG. 2**. **FIG. 4** is an enlarged cross-sectional view showing a portion 'B' shown in **FIG. 3**.

[0065] Referring to **FIGS. 2 to 4**, the bank **220** surrounds sides of each of the first electrodes **210** on the substrate **10** to form a hole **225**. The bank **220** may have a wall shape. In this exemplary embodiment, the bank **220** has a trapezoidal cross-section. A surface of the bank **220** forms a taper angle of about 60° to about 150° with respect to a surface of each of the first electrodes **210**. The bank **220** may be formed through a photo process using a photosensitive material. The photosensitive material may include a positive photoresist, a negative photoresist, etc. Alternatively, an organic layer (not shown) or an inorganic layer (not shown) is patterned through a photolithography to form the bank. That is, the organic layer (not shown) or the inorganic layer (not shown) may be deposited on the substrate, and the deposited layer may be patterned through a photo process and an etching process.

[0066] In this exemplary embodiment, the bank **220** has lower surface energy than the first electrodes **210**. When the bank **220** has higher surface energy than the first electrodes, the organic light emitting layer **240** may be formed on the bank **220** so that an image display quality of the display apparatus is deteriorated.

[0067] The surface energy lowering pattern **230** is formed on the bank **220**. The surface energy lowering pattern **230** may be formed on a whole surface of the bank **220**, a portion of the bank **220** or only top surface of the bank **220**. A contact angle of the surface energy lowering pattern **230** is no less than about 40° with respect to water.

[0068] The surface energy lowering pattern **230** has a second surface energy that is lower than the first electrodes **210** and the bank **220**. The surface energy lowering pattern **230** includes a synthetic resin having fluorine, a fluorine-containing compound such as SF₆, CF₄, oxygen, etc. The synthetic resin may be an epoxy resin, a silicone resin, an

acrylic resin, an urethane resin, a phenolic resin, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polymethyl methacrylate, polyurea, polyimide, etc. In this exemplary embodiment, the surface energy lowering film **238** has the epoxy resin containing fluorine. The surface energy lowering pattern **230** may be formed on the bank **220** as a thin film shape. Alternatively, liquid having the fluorine or the fluorine compound may be coated on the bank **220** to form the surface energy lowering pattern **230**.

[0069] The second surface energy of the surface energy lowering pattern **230** may not be changed during a manufacturing process of the display apparatus. That is, the second surface energy of the surface energy lowering pattern **230** may not be changed though a predetermined time has passed.

[0070] **FIG. 5** is an enlarged cross-sectional view showing a portion 'C' shown in **FIG. 3**.

[0071] Referring to **FIGS. 3 and 5**, the organic light emitting layer **240** is formed in the hole **225** formed by the bank **220** that has the surface energy lowering pattern **230**. In this exemplary embodiment, the organic light emitting layer **240** has a hole injection layer **242** and a light emitting layer **244**.

[0072] In order to form the hole injection layer **242**, a liquid that forms the hole injection layer **242** is dropped in the hole **225**. The dropped liquid is dried to form the hole injection layer **242** on the first electrode **210**. In this exemplary embodiment, the liquid is not dropped on the bank **220** by a repellent force between the dropped liquid and the bank **220**. The repellent force is caused by the low surface energy of the surface energy lowering pattern **230**. Alternatively, the liquid may be dropped on a portion of the bank **220**.

[0073] In order to form the light emitting layer **244**, an organic material that forms the light emitting layer **244** is dropped in the hole **225** in which the hole injection layer **242** is formed. The dropped organic material is dried to form the light emitting layer **244**. In this exemplary embodiment, the light emitting layer **244** is not formed on the bank **220**.

[0074] The second electrode **250** is formed on the substrate **10** having the organic light emitting layer **240**. A second driving signal is applied to the second electrode **250** to display the image. In this exemplary embodiment, the second electrode **250** has aluminum, aluminum alloy, etc. The second electrode **250** may be formed through a sputtering method, a chemical deposition method, etc.

[0075] **FIGS. 6A to 6I** are cross-sectional views showing a method of manufacturing a display apparatus in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. A peripheral circuit is formed before a first electrode is formed. The peripheral circuit has two thin film transistors, one capacitor, a gate bus line, a data bus line and a power supply line. The peripheral circuit of **FIGS. 6A and 6I** is same as in **FIGS. 1 to 5**. Thus, the same reference numerals will be used to refer to the same or like parts as those described in **FIGS. 1 to 5** and any further explanation will be omitted.

[0076] Referring to **FIG. 6A**, first electrodes **210** are formed on the substrate **10** having the peripheral circuit **100**. The transparent conductive material such as indium tin oxide (ITO), indium zinc oxide (IZO), etc., is deposited on

the substrate **10** having the peripheral circuit **100**. The deposited transparent conductive material is patterned to form the first electrodes **210**. In this exemplary embodiment, a resolution of the display apparatus **300** is 1024×764, and number of the first electrodes **210** is 1024×764×3. The first electrodes **210** are arranged in a matrix shape. The first electrodes **210** are spaced apart from one another by a predetermined interval G. The first electrode **210** has a first surface energy.

[0077] Referring to FIG. 6B, a photosensitive thin film is formed on the first substrate **10** through a spin coating method. A thickness of the photosensitive thin film is about 3 μm. The photosensitive thin film is exposed by a light, and developed by a developer solution so that the photosensitive thin film is patterned to form the bank **220**. The bank **220** surrounds sides of each of the first electrodes **210** to form the hole **225** on each of the first electrodes **210**. The bank **220** is then baked so that the bank **220** may not be changed by the light.

[0078] Referring to FIG. 6C, a surface energy lowering printing sheet **231** is formed on the bank **220**.

[0079] The surface energy lowering printing sheet **231** has a base film **233**, a conversion film **235** and a surface energy lowering film **238**. The base film **233** includes triacetylcellulose (TAC), polycarbonate (PC), polyethersulfone (PES), polyethyleneterephthalate (PET), polyethylenenaphthalate (PEN), polyvinylalcohol (PVA), polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA), cyclo-olefin polymer (COP), etc. The conversion film **235** is formed on the base film **233**. The conversion film **235** includes isocyanate, vinyl acetate, polyester, polyvinyl alcohol, acrylate, etc. In this exemplary embodiment, the conversion film **235** has the vinyl acetate. The surface energy lowering film **238** is formed on the conversion film **235**. The surface energy lowering film **238** includes a synthetic resin having fluorine, a fluorine-containing compound, oxygen, etc. The synthetic resin may be an epoxy resin, a silicone resin, an acrylic resin, an urethane resin, a phenolic resin, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polymethyl metacrylate, polyurea, polyimide, etc. In this exemplary embodiment, the surface energy lowering film **238** has the epoxy resin containing fluorine. When the light or a laser beam is irradiated onto the conversion film **235**, a heat is generated in the conversion film **235**. The surface energy lowering film **238** has fluorine or the fluorine-containing compound so that the surface energy lowering film **238** has lower surface energy than the bank **220** and the first electrodes **210**.

[0080] In this exemplary embodiment, the surface energy lowering film **238** is detached from the conversion film **235**, and has a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy.

[0081] The surface energy lowering film **238** of the surface energy lowering printing sheet **231** is formed on the bank **220**. A laser beam **239** is selectively irradiated onto an upper surface of the bank **220**.

[0082] The laser beam **239** passes through the base film **233**, and the laser beam **239** is irradiated onto the conversion film **235**. The heat is generated from the conversion film **235**, and the heat is transferred into the surface energy lowering film **238**.

[0083] Referring to FIG. 6D, the heated portion of the surface energy lowering film **238** is detached from a remain-

ing portion of the surface energy lowering film **238** and the conversion film **235** so that the surface energy lowering pattern **230** is formed on the bank **220**.

[0084] Referring to FIG. 6E, a hole injection composition **241** that has high fluidity is dropped in the hole **225** on each of the first electrodes **210**. The hole injection composition **241** has a hole injection material, a volatile solvent, additives, etc. The volatile material may be propylene glycol monomethyl ether, propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, ethyl ethoxy propionate, cyclohexanone, diethylene glycol dimethyl ether, etc., or combinations thereof.

[0085] The dropped hole injection composition **241** is dried so that the volatile material is evaporated. When the volatile material is evaporated, size and height of the hole injection composition **241** are decreased. The bank **220** has lower surface energy than the surface energy lowering pattern **230** so that the hole injection composition **241** may not be attached to the bank **220**.

[0086] Referring to FIG. 6F, the hole injection layer **242** having a thin film shape is formed on each of the first electrodes **210**.

[0087] Referring to FIG. 6G, a light emitting composition **243** that has high fluidity is dropped in the hole **225** on the hole injection layer **242**. The light emitting composition **243** has a light emitting material, a volatile solvent, additives, etc. The volatile solvent may be propylene glycol monomethyl ether, propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, ethyl ethoxy propionate, cyclohexanone, diethylene glycol dimethyl ether, etc., or combinations thereof.

[0088] The dropped light emitting composition **243** is dried so that the volatile material in the dropped light emitting composition **243** is evaporated. When the volatile material is evaporated, size and height of the light emitting composition **243** are decreased. The bank **220** has lower surface energy than the surface energy lowering pattern **230** so that the light emitting composition **243** may not be attached to the bank **220**.

[0089] Referring to FIG. 6H, the light emitting layer **244** having a thin film shape is formed on the hole injection layer **242**. The hole injection layer **242** and the light emitting layer **244** form the organic light emitting layer **240**.

[0090] Referring to FIG. 6I, the second electrode **250** is formed on the substrate **10**. The second electrode **250** may include aluminum, aluminum alloy, etc. The second electrode **250** is formed on the bank **220** and the organic light emitting layer **240** so that the organic light emitting layer **240** is electrically connected to the second electrode **250**. In order to display the image, a second driving signal is applied to the second electrode **250**.

[0091] FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view showing a method of manufacturing a display apparatus in accordance with another exemplary embodiment of the present invention. The method of FIG. 7 is same as in FIGS. 6A to 6I. Thus, the same reference numerals will be used to refer to the same or like parts as those described in FIGS. 6A to 6I and any further explanation will be omitted.

[0092] Referring to FIG. 7, a roller **238b** is disposed on a bank **220**. A surface energy lowering material **238a** is coated

on an outer surface of the roller **238b**. The coated surface energy lowering material **238a** is disposed between the roller **238b** and the bank **220**.

[0093] The roller **238b** rotates in a predetermined direction so that the coated surface energy lowering material **238a** is coated on the bank **220** to form the surface energy lowering coating film **238**.

[0094] According to the present invention, when an organic light emitting material is dropped in a hole surrounded by a bank on an electrode, the organic light emitting material may not be attached to the bank so that an image display quality of a display apparatus is improved.

[0095] This invention has been described with reference to the exemplary embodiments. It is evident, however, that many alternative modifications and variations will be apparent to those having skill in the art in light of the foregoing description. Accordingly, the present invention embraces all such alternative modifications and variations as fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. An organic light emitting element on a substrate, the organic light emitting element comprising:

a first electrode configured to receive a first driving signal, the first electrode having a first surface energy;

a bank that surrounds sides of the first electrode;

a surface energy lowering pattern on the bank, the surface energy lowering pattern having a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy;

an organic light emitting member on the first electrode; and

a second electrode configured to receive a second driving signal to display an image.

2. The organic light emitting element of claim 1, wherein the surface energy lowering pattern is formed on a top surface of the bank.

3. The organic light emitting element of claim 1, wherein the bank comprises a third surface energy that is higher than the second surface energy.

4. A display apparatus comprising:

an organic light emitting element on a substrate, the organic light emitting element including:

a first electrode configured to receive a first driving signal, the first electrode having a first surface energy;

a bank that surrounds sides of the first electrode;

a surface energy lowering pattern on the bank, the surface energy lowering pattern having a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy;

an organic light emitting member on the first electrode; and

a second electrode configured to receive a second driving signal to display an image.

5. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the surface energy lowering pattern is formed on a top surface of the bank.

6. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the bank comprises a third surface energy that is higher than the second surface energy.

7. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the display apparatus comprises a plurality of first electrodes arranged in a matrix shape, and each of the first electrodes has indium tin oxide, tin oxide, indium zinc oxide or zinc oxide.

8. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the bank surrounds the sides of the first electrode to form a hole on the first electrode.

9. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein a surface of the bank forms a taper angle of about 60° to about 150° with respect to a surface of the first electrode.

10. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the surface energy lowering film comprises fluorine.

11. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the organic light emitting member comprises a hole injection layer and a light emitting layer on the hole injection layer.

12. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the second electrode comprises a metal.

13. A display apparatus comprising:

an organic light emitting element on a substrate, the organic light emitting element including:

a first electrode configured to receive a first driving signal;

a bank that surrounds sides of the first electrode, the bank having a first surface energy;

a surface energy lowering pattern on the bank, the surface energy lowering pattern having a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy;

an organic light emitting member on the first electrode; and

a second electrode configured to receive a second driving signal to display an image.

14. A display apparatus comprising:

a switching transistor on a substrate, the switching transistor having a first source/drain electrode and a first gate electrode;

a driving transistor on the substrate, the driving transistor having a second source/drain electrode and a second gate electrode electrically connected to the first source/drain electrode of the switching transistor; and

an organic light emitting element on the substrate having the switching transistor and the driving transistor, the organic light emitting element including:

a first electrode electrically connected to the second source/drain electrode of the driving transistor;

a bank on the substrate having the first electrode, the bank surrounding sides of the first electrode to form a hole on the first electrode, the bank having a first surface energy;

a surface energy lowering pattern on the bank, the surface energy lowering pattern having a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy;

an organic light emitting member on the first electrode; and

a second electrode on the substrate having the organic light emitting member.

15. The display apparatus of claim 14, wherein the first electrode comprises a third surface energy that is higher than the second surface energy.

16. The display apparatus of claim 14, wherein the surface energy lowering pattern is formed on a top surface of the bank.

17. A method of manufacturing a display apparatus comprising:

forming a first electrode that has a first surface energy on a base substrate, the first electrode configured to receive a first driving signal from a peripheral circuit;

forming a bank on the base substrate, the bank configured to surround sides of the first electrode on the base substrate;

forming a surface energy lowering pattern on the bank, the surface energy lowering pattern having a second surface energy that is lower than the first surface energy;

forming an organic light emitting member on the first electrode; and

forming a second electrode on the organic light emitting member, the second electrode configured to receive a second driving signal to display an image.

18. The display apparatus of claim 17, wherein the first electrode comprises a third surface energy that is higher than the second surface energy.

19. The method of claim 17, further comprising forming a plurality of first electrodes arranged in a matrix shape on the base substrate.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the bank is formed by:

forming a photosensitive layer on the base substrate; and

patterning the photosensitive layer to form a hole so that the first electrode is exposed through the hole.

21. The method of claim 17, wherein the surface energy lowering pattern is formed by:

preparing a surface energy lowering printing sheet having a surface energy lowering film, an conversion film and a base film on the bank; and

irradiating a laser beam onto the surface energy lowering printing sheet to print a portion of the surface energy lowering film onto the bank.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the surface energy lowering printing sheet comprises at least one of a synthetic resin having fluorine, a fluorine-containing compound, oxygen or combinations thereof.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein the surface energy lowering film is printed by heating the conversion film by the laser beam to cut the surface energy lowering film.

24. The method of claim 17, wherein the organic light emitting member is formed by:

dropping a first organic light emitting material in the hole; and

drying the dropped first organic light emitting material to form a first organic lighting layer as a thin film shape.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the first organic light emitting member comprises a hole injection layer.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein the organic light emitting member is formed by:

dropping a second organic light emitting material in the hole on the first organic light emitting member; and

drying the dropped second organic light emitting material to form a second organic light emitting member as a thin film shape.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the second organic light emitting member comprises a light emitting layer.

28. The method of claim 17, wherein the surface energy lowering pattern is formed by:

coating a surface energy lowering material on a roller; and

rotating the roller to print the coated surface energy lowering material on the bank.

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在基板上形成有机发光元件。有机发光元件包括第一电极，堤，表面能，有机发光构件和第二电极。第一电极接收第一驱动信号。第一电极具有第一表面能。堤岸围绕第一电极的侧面。表面能量降低图案形成在堤岸上。表面能降低图案具有低于第一表面能的第二表面能。有机发光构件形成在第一电极上。第二电极接收第二驱动信号以显示图像。因此，提高了显示装置的图像显示质量。

