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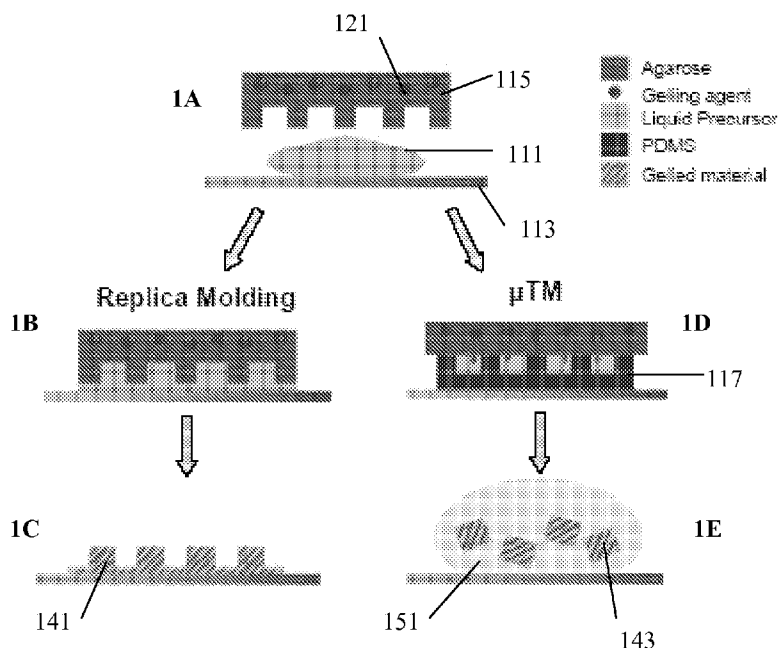
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(57) Abstract: A controlled release fabrication process includes shaping a precursor material into a desired configuration with a mold, supplying a curing agent from the mold to the precursor material, curing the precursor material to form a mechanically stable structure, and releasing the mechanically stable structure from the mold. Mechanically stable structures including microfabrication articles produced using the process are also described.

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