

STARK ARTHUR

Form 4

May 12, 2011

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STARK ARTHUR

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
BED BATH & BEYOND INC
[BBBY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/10/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
President and CMO

C/O BED BATH & BEYOND
INC., 650 LIBERTY AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

UNION, NJ 07083

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) | Price | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 05/10/2011 | | F | | 2,255 (1) | D \$ 56.185 | 133,375 D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 05/10/2011 | | A | | 22,248 (2) | A \$ 0 | 155,623 D |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 56.185 | 05/10/2011 | | A | | 30,528 | | <u>(3)</u> | 05/10/2019 | Common Stock | 30,528 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| STARK ARTHUR C/O BED BATH & BEYOND INC. 650 LIBERTY AVENUE UNION, NJ 07083 | President and CMO |

Signatures

/s/ Ori Solomon -
Attorney-in-Fact

05/12/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Represents the surrender of shares to the Company to satisfy Mr. Starks' tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of shares of restricted stock previously granted to Mr. Stark.
- (2) Grant of restricted stock, with vesting subject to (i) the Company's achievement of a performance-based test for the fiscal year of grant, and (ii) time vesting.
- (3) The Employee Stock Option is exercisable in five (5) equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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