

STARK ARTHUR  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/10/2012

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and CMO

UNION, NJ 07083

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

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/10/2012		F		1,769 (1)	D	\$ 68.91 148,454
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/10/2012		A		19,591 (2)	A	\$ 0 168,045
	05/11/2012		F			D	165,017

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share				3,028 <u>(1)</u>		\$ 70.875		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/12/2012	F		2,821 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 70.875	162,196	D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 68.91	05/10/2012		A	26,019	<u>(3)</u> 05/10/2020	Common Stock	26,019

## 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

05/14/2012

\_\_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. Stark's 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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