

BED BATH & BEYOND INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BED BATH & BEYOND INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

11-2250488
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

650 Liberty Avenue
Union, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07083
(ZIP Code)

Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. 2018 Incentive Compensation Plan
(Full Title of the Plan)

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Chief Executive Officer
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 (Name and Address of Agent for Service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, and emerging growth company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer
 Smaller Reporting Company
 Non-Accelerated Filer Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title Of Securities To Be Registered | Amount To Be Registered(1)(2) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(3) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(3) | Amount Of Registration Fee |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. 2018 Incentive Compensation Plan | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 4,600,000 | \$ 13.36 | \$ 61,456,000 | \$ 7,448.47 |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock) that become issuable under the Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. 2018 Incentive Compensation Plan (the Plan) by reason of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the Registrant's receipt of consideration that results in an increase in the number of the Registrant's outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(2) Shares of Common Stock outstanding under options issued and assumed under the Plan that are subsequently forfeited, terminated, or expire without the shares having been issued pursuant to the exercise of such options are recycled and returned to the share reserve of the Plan, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act on the basis of \$13.36 per share, which was the average of the high and low prices for a share of Common Stock of the Registrant on October 19, 2018, as reported on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information specified in Items 1 and 2 of Part I of the Form S-8 is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the introductory note to Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be delivered to the participants in the Plan covered by this Registration Statement as required by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The Company hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"):

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 3, 2018, filed with the Commission on May 2, 2018;
- (b) The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 17, 2018, May 24, 2018, June 5, 2018, June 29, 2018, and September 27, 2018, in each case solely to the extent filed and not furnished;
- (c) The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended June 2, 2018 and September 1, 2018, filed with the Commission on July 6, 2018 and October 10, 2018, respectively;
- (d) All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") since the end of the fiscal year ended March 3, 2018;

(e) The description of the Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on May 11, 1992, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement indicating that all securities offered hereby have been sold or deregistering all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. In no event, however, will any information that the Registrant discloses under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K that the Registrant may from time to time furnish to the Commission be incorporated by reference into, or otherwise become a part of, this Registration Statement, unless otherwise indicated therein. Any statement contained in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Registration Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 402(b) of the New York Business Corporation Law provides that, subject to conditions and qualifications provided by statute, a certificate of incorporation may set forth a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors to the Company or its shareholders for damages for any breach of duty in such capacity.

The Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), provides that no director of the Company shall be personally liable to the Company or any of its shareholders for damages for any breach of duty in such capacity except for liability of any director if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the director establishes that his acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or that he personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he was not legally entitled or that his acts violated Section 719 of the New York Business Corporation Law. If the New York Business Corporation Law hereafter is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Company, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided therein, shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the amended New York Business Corporation Law. Any repeal or modification of such Article of the Certificate of Incorporation shall be prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director of the Company existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

The Company's Amended By-laws govern the indemnification of any director or officer of the Company or any employee of the Company who is or was involved in any manner (including, without limitation, as a party or a witness) or is threatened to be made so involved in any threatened, pending or completed investigation, claim, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or otherwise by reason of the fact that, in the case of directors and officers of the Company, is or was a director or officer of the Company, or is or was at the request of the Company serving as an officer or director or in any other capacity with another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise or entity (including, without limitation, any employee benefit plan), and in the case of employees of the Company, is or was serving (a) as a director or officer of a corporation or in a capacity equivalent to that of a director or officer for any partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise (including, without limitation, any employee benefit plan) in which the Company had at the time of such service, directly or indirectly, a 50% or greater equity interest or (b) at the written request of the Company, as a director or officer of a corporation or in a capacity equivalent to that of a director or officer for any partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise (including, without limitation, any employee benefit plan) in which the Company had at the time of such service, directly or indirectly, a significant business interest but a less than 50% equity interest (or, in the case of an employee benefit plan, no equity interest at all), against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such proceeding.

The Company has obtained directors and officers liability insurance which insures the Company's officers and directors against certain liabilities.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Document |
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| 4.1* | Restated Certificate of Incorporation |
| 4.2 | <u>Certificate of Amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the quarter ended August 25, 1996)</u> |
| 4.3 | <u>Certificate of Amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 30, 1997)</u> |
| 4.4 | <u>Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.6 to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended February 27, 1999)</u> |
| 4.5 | <u>Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 1, 2001)</u> |
| 4.6 | <u>Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K dated July 1, 2009)</u> |
| 4.7 | <u>Amended By-Laws of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on December 28, 2017)</u> |
| 5.1** | <u>Opinion of Proskauer Rose LLP</u> |
| 23.1** | <u>Consent of KPMG LLP</u> |
| 23.2** | <u>Consent of Proskauer Rose LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)</u> |
| 24.1** | <u>Powers of Attorney (included on the signature page hereto)</u> |
| 99.1 | <u>Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. 2018 Incentive Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the Commission on June 29, 2018)</u> |

* This Exhibit was originally filed in paper format. Accordingly, a hyperlink has not been provided.

** Filed herewith.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

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(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement;

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that (A) paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Union, State of New Jersey, on October 23, 2018.

BED BATH & BEYOND INC.

By: /s/ Steven H. Temares
 Steven H. Temares
 Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Steven H. Temares, Robyn M. D Elia and Allan N. Rauch, or any of them individually, such person's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for and in such person's name, place and stead, in the capacities indicated below, to sign this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. and any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) thereto, and to file or cause to be filed the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might, or could, do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Signatures | Title | Date |
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| By: /s/ Warren Eisenberg Warren Eisenberg | Co-Chairman and Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Leonard Feinstein Leonard Feinstein | Co-Chairman and Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Steven H. Temares Steven H. Temares | Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Robyn M. D Elia Robyn M. D Elia | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Dean S. Adler Dean S. Adler | Director | October 23, 2018 |

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| By: /s/ Stanley Barshay Stanley Barshay | Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Stephanie Bell-Rose Stephanie Bell-Rose | Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Klaus Eppler Klaus Eppler | Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Patrick R. Gaston Patrick R. Gaston | Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Jordan Heller Jordan Heller | Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Victoria A. Morrison Victoria A. Morrison | Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Johnathan B. Osborne Johnathan B. Osborne | Director | October 23, 2018 |
| By: /s/ Virginia P. Ruesterholz Virginia P. Ruesterholz | Director | October 23, 2018 |