

LESTER HOWARD  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LESTER HOWARD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 VAN NESS AVENUE  
(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**CHAIRMAN**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	8,400	D \$ 44.54	6,752,258	D
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	3,900	D \$ 44.55	6,748,358	D
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	3,000	D \$ 44.56	6,745,358	D
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	1,100	D \$ 44.57	6,744,258	D
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	100	D \$ 44.58	6,744,158	D

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Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	900	D	\$ 44.6	6,743,258	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	100	D	\$ 44.62	6,743,158	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	500	D	\$ 44.65	6,742,658	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	900	D	\$ 44.67	6,741,758	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	700	D	\$ 44.68	6,741,058	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	900	D	\$ 44.69	6,740,158	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	100	D	\$ 44.7	6,740,058	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	500	D	\$ 44.74	6,739,558	D	
Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	1,400	D	\$ 44.76	6,738,158	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2005		J	66	D	\$ 44.02	34,616	I	by Managed Account <sup>(1)</sup>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LESTER HOWARD 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	X		CHAIRMAN	

## Signatures

By: Nicolas de Porcel For: Howard  
Lester 12/05/2005

        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) The reporting person owns \$1,523,820.31 in the Williams-Sonoma Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc., Associate Stock Incentive Plan (a 401(K) plan), based on a statement dated December 1, 2005. The number of shares indirectly owned and noted on Table 1 was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$44.02, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on December 1, 2005.

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