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We tested the Albertini International Pumpkin Exfoliating Masque, and it was delish.

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You can find Albertini International beauty products at Springfield's Hy-Vee, Inspiration Home or online at albertiniinternational.com.

Come fall, my life changes for two wonderful months. The season is all about pumpkin, and it's a glorious time of year. When I learned the local beauty line, Albertini International, carries a pumpkin face mask, I couldn't resist.

With an aroma that's good enough to eat and a formula that left my skin silky smooth, the Warm Love pumpkin exfoliating masque quickly

became part of my weekly beauty regimen. Three times each week, I eagerly locked myself in the bathroom, splashed warm water on my face and let the sweet smell of pumpkin melt away the grime and stress left from the day.

I have sensitive skin, so my daily routine usually excludes anything scented. But despite its powerful aroma of cinnamon and pumpkin, this exfoliating mask didn't leave my face red and sensitive. Instead, my skin felt luxuriously soft and fresh, and I kept catching wafts of pumpkin aroma throughout the day. It's all in the mask's gentle formula, which was designed by Albertini International President

Valorie Albertini to remove the top layer of dead skin cells. "When dead skin builds up on the surface, you can't hydrate it as well, and it isn't as smooth," she says.

Albertini started Albertini International two and a half years ago after she noticed her own skin changing during menopause. The driving focus is moisture, so like the pumpkin mask, the rest of the Albertini line helps skin retain moisture to keep it soft and radiant.