“Land That I Love” Appliqué or Pin

Materials:
- A few yards each of red, white and blue size 10 thread
- Crochet hook size 4 (1.75 mm)
- Pin back, if desired

(Or make one in worsted weight yarn with a size G (4.00 mm) or H (5.00 mm) hook to sew to an afghan square or sweatshirt)

Finished size: About 1 1/2” x 1 1/2” in thread with size 4 hook; about 4” x 4” in ww yarn with size G hook

To change colors at the end of the rows: Insert hook in last sc and pull up a loop, draw a loop of the new color through both loops on hook to complete the sc. Do not cut unless indicated in the pattern.

To work a sc dec: Insert hook in first indicated st and pull up a loop, insert hook in next st and pull up a loop; yo and pull through all 3 remaining loops on hook.

Pin
With white, ch 2.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from hook; ch 1, turn. (1 sc)
Row 2: Work 2 sc in the first sc; change to red, tie the red tail to the white strand close to the stitch; ch 1, turn. (2 sc)

Row 3: Work 2 sc in each of the 2 sc; ch 1, turn. (4 sc)

Row 4: Work 2 sc in the first sc, sc in each of the next 2 sc, 2 sc in the last sc; change to white; ch 1, turn. (6 sc)

Row 5: Work 2 sc in the first sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 2 sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn. (8 sc)

Row 6: Sc in each sc across; change to red; ch 1, turn. (8 sc)

Row 7: Work 2 sc in the first sc, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 2 sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn. (10 sc)

Row 8: Sc in each sc across; change to white; ch 1, turn. (10 sc)

Row 9: Work 2 sc in the first sc, sc in each of the next 8 sc, 2 sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn. (12 sc)

Row 10: Sc in each sc across; change to red; ch 1, turn. (12 sc)

Row 11: Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn. (12 sc)

Row 12: Sc in each sc across; change to white, cut red and tie red tail to white strand close to the last stitch; ch 1, turn. (12 sc)

Row 13 (first lobe): Sc dec over the first 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc; ch 1, turn, leaving remaining stitches unworked. (5 sts)

Row 14 (first lobe): Sc dec over the first 2 sts, sc in the next sc, sc dec over the last 2 sts. Fasten off.

Row 13 (second lobe): Attach white with a sc in the first unworked sc on row 12, sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc dec over the last 2 sc; ch 1, turn. (5 sts)

Row 14 (second lobe): Sc dec over the first 2 sts, sc in the next sc, sc dec over the last 2 sts. Fasten off.

Finishing

Round 1: Attach blue with a sl st in the first sc, sl st evenly around the heart; join with a sl st in the back loop only of the first sl st.

Round 2: Ch 1, insert hook through the back loop of the first sl st and through the back of the heart; complete sc; (insert hook between the loops of the next sl st and through the back of the heart; complete sc) around, working 2 sc in each sl st as needed around the lobes of the heart so they don't curl; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.
Attach pin back, if desired, or applique to any cotton item.

Happy Crocheting!